

“Fins, Feathers and Fur” Show Awards by Janice Christman

Janice Christman is an award-winning photographer. She majored in photography in college, but until she retired from her career, she did not think that her passion for capturing images would ever be utilized. Since retirement she has her camera with her most days. Janice says, “photography for me is more than just taking a picture with a camera. It is an expression of the subject matter that is frozen in time.” Janice is a member of KAA.

Thanks, Janice!

2D: 1st place - Resplendent Matriarch, colored pencil and acrylic ink, Karen Saleen.



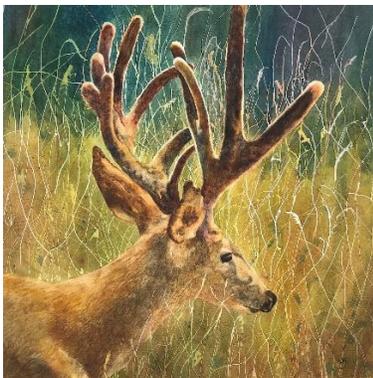
The artist captured the likeness of an elephant so well! It really looks as though the elephant is coming through the paper and will burst into trumpeting its triumph! I love the balance in this work and the colors used really add to the excitement of the scene! Well done!

2D: 2nd place – Stumpy, colored pencil, Debbie Bowen



The artist has chosen a subject near and dear to our hearts, our pets! I love Stumpy's face and total look of “I'm sorry!” Dogs can give such soulful looks and this work has captured it perfectly. The texture of the fur is so realistic and I wanted to pet him!

2D: 3rd place - Wild Velvet, watercolor, Dianne Lay



This piece really drew me in! I love the textures shown in this work and the colors chosen are wonderful. It has balance and realism that is spot on. The velvet of the antlers was well done! Nice!

Photography: 1st. place - Body Guards, photograph, John DeJarnatt



I really liked the subjects in this picture! The total disdain the Mallards are showing adds more drama to the Egret's look of tantrum. Good capture! There is balance in this picture and the detail gained with the logs crisscrossing is wonderful.

Photography: 2nd place - Lift Off, photograph, John DeJarnatt



This picture evokes movement and NOISE! If you have ever been close to Canada Geese taking off like this, you know! It is really sharp, considering all of the movement of the birds. Nicely done!

Photography: 3rd place - On Alert, photograph, Karen Aiello



This is very balanced and the composition is great! The detail caught in the dog's face is great! With fur, it can tend to be blurry and this is not! The framing is well done, too...perfect location of the limbs of the trees!

Digital Art: 1st. place - Yellow Eyed Duck, digital, Gary Olsen-Hasek



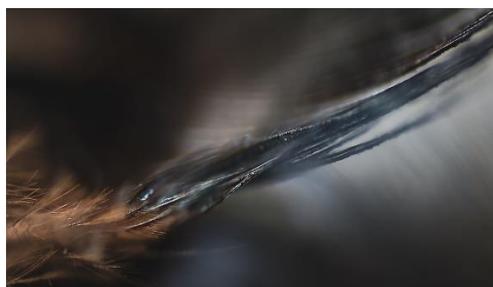
This work has fabulous color and detail! I love the movement of color in the water, at the belly of the duck!

Digital Art: 2nd place - Dove Bath, digital, Gary Olsen-Hasek



Balance of detail and color is wonderful! Even though the tail is hidden partially, the balance is there.

Digital Art: 3rd place - Out of the Darkness, digital, Suzie Torre-Cross



This piece draws you in with the movement of light. There are bits of bright detail that make one look closely and then follow along the feathers to find more detail.

3D: 1st place – Eskimo Mask, mixed media, Leland Gils



Wonderful details! This is a piece tells a story, made up of all of the parts. I feel as though it is protecting the house!

2nd. place - Tail Feathers, mixed media, Jody Farley



Nicely decoupage!

Youth: 1st place – Ceasar, colored pencil, Evelyn McCarthy, age 8



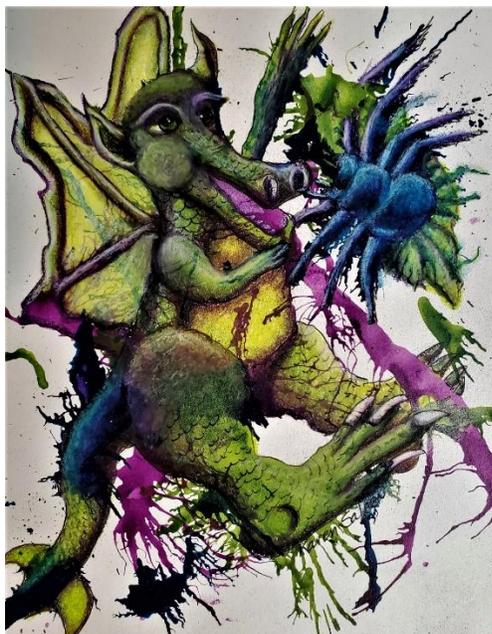
We all had a special stuffed animal in our lives and this made me think of mine. It evokes our youth and is comforting.

Juror's Merit Award: Hawk, colored pencil, Cheryl Manhire



Great color and detail. Captured the fierceness of the eyes!

Best of Show: DRAGON AROUND, colored pencil and acrylic ink, Karen Saleen



I especially loved the whimsy of this work. The detail is amazing and the choice of colors added to the presence of this dragon! His eyes are wonderful and I like to think he is taking out evil and will make us safe! The technique of this work has so many levels and has combined to make a wonderful piece! I love it!