

## Keizer Art Association COLORS OF AUTUMN show, September, 2021

The September show was judged by Gary Olsen-Hasek. Gary is a member of KAA and is an award-winning artist. Thanks, Gary.

Judge's Perspective:

When judging pictures, I look not only for the usual elements of design and use of a particular medium, I also ask myself, does this picture cause me to linger and investigate? Does the particular artwork invite me in to the experience of the theme, Colors of Autumn, in a unique way? Would I like to spend time looking at the piece on a wall in my house? If I answer, yes, then the piece was put on my list to consider. I spent more time with those and then considered which met my criteria the best in order to receive an award. I enjoyed looking at all the submissions and appreciate the creativity of the entrants. Gary Olsen-Hasek

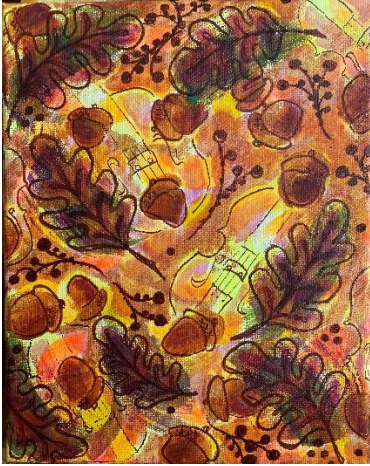
### 2-D



**First Place:** "The Beekeeper's Cottage", acrylics, Barbara Folawn  
Excellent composition and use of your medium. I like the feeling that the subtle color and impressionistic application of paint create. I'd like to take some time to visit the cottage and check-out the apiary.



**Second Place:** "Prairie Storm", acrylics, Sharon Hansen  
Wonderful use of color, contrast and texture. Great movement in the clouds and rolling landscape. I am drawn in to the scene and feel like I could stare out toward the impending storm until the last minute before the rain pours.



**Third Place:** “Vivaldi Autumn”, Martha Hughes

I like Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. This picture does a good job of exploring the show’s theme in a visually musical way. There is movement around the picture with elements of Fall leaves and acorns dancing around stringed instruments. It is a fun presentation!

## PHOTOGRAPHY



**First Place:** “Pop of Fall”, photo, Janice Christman

I was immediately drawn to this photo as I glanced through the entries in this category. The colorful window against the gray and grainy building is a great contrast. I found myself looking closer to see the intricate features of the cracked wall echoed by the branches in the window.



**Second Place:** “My Autumn Hiking Buddy”, photo, Janice Jenkins

Excellent focal point. I love the way the dog is seated with the leaves flowing behind in perspective. I feel like reaching into the photo and playing with the beautiful dog, if not hiking with it. I smile every time I look at this!



**Third Place:** “Sweets of Autumn”, photo, Carol Harris

I like your use of unconventional ingredients to express the Colors of Autumn. Good perspective. I'd like to explore the variety of sweet offerings displayed.



**JUROR'S MERIT AWARD:** “At Rest”, digital art, Janice Christman

A beautiful digital treatment of a photo. I like the contrasting elements. Nice subtle coloring and use of blue on the insect.



**BEST OF SHOW:** “A Consensus of Koi”, acrylics, Carol Sims

Wonderful movement. So many colorful layers of images to spend time discovering. A revelation of creatures, water and plant life. You use the Colors of Autumn in a unique way while including the more typical seasonal fallen leaves. Well done!