

MERIT AWARDS

PATTERSON STATE BANK MERIT AWARD

by Patterson State Bank

B/W Photo	"Southern Column"	Larry Cheramic
Child 2	"Smudge Cat"	Olive R. Veillon
Acrylic	"Champagne Probs"	Andrea Matte
Oil	"Among the Moss"	Kathy Daigle

AGU 2024

60th Labor Day Art Show & Sale

Here we are again...ALREADY! It's August, and the heat seems to be a repeat of last year's temperatures. South Louisiana falls into the "tropical" category, and for the last two years, Louisiana has proven to mirror the tropics, impressing the "dog days of August" on our psyches.

Fortunately, the rains have returned, eliminating the "no burn" rule from Morgan City. The rain also helps cool the evenings a little.

With the appearance of August, AGU gets busy preparing for the Labor Day Art Show & Sale. We have such loyal supporters: without their gifts, Everett Street Gallery would not exist. The gallery, located across from City Hall in Morgan City, is a gift from St. Mary Parish Government for use as a cultural center that extends throughout South Louisiana.

This year's show represents 95 artists from Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, and New York who brought in 335 pieces, making a difficult afternoon for the judges who had the task of choosing artwork that deserves recognition over all work represented. The show is a beautiful mosaic of work by talented artists, ranging in ages from 5 to over 80.

The LDS will run from August 28th to September 21st. Come in and partake in the talent that seeps out of the local population. The artists are your next door neighbors, the children you see on the street, the lady who checks you out at the grocery store, or the young man who waits on you in a restaurant. They are the welders, oil field workers, college students, kindergarteners, and teachers. Our area is teeming with talent. Come to Everett Street Gallery to see for yourself.

Diane T. Martin, AGU Vice President
LDS Chairperson

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2024 ART SHOW JUDGES



Ellen M. Martin and Sandra Burshell

ELLEN M. MARTIN graduated with honors from the Art Institute of Dallas, majoring in Commercial Art. A capable artist, but a better art director, Ellen handled major nationwide accounts such as IHOP, Pixar Studios, Nintendo, Playboy, and America Online for several West Coast ad agencies: Saatchi & Saatchi and DDB Needham Fitch.

Returning to Louisiana, Ellen's career in marketing has changed paths. Today, social-media marketing is how she spends her time – for her fresh produce stand and vintage cypress lumberyard (both located in Napoleonville, LA) as well as for many other local enterprises. Her experience as an art director shines through all she does.

SANDRA BURSHELL is the founder of the NEW ORLEANS DRAWING GROUP (2006), a weekly figure drawing session, originally live, now in a Zoom format due to Covid. In the Pastel Society of America (PSA), she is a Master Pastellist and an Eminent Pastellist in the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS). Her award-winning moody, atmospheric, and figurative pastel interiors have been exhibited internationally. She gives pastel workshops and demos.

Her pastels have been featured in many leading art magazines: Pratique Des Arts, Special Pastel Issue: "Figure Dans Tous Ses Etats"; Pastel Journal Magazine: "The Romantic Space"; Pastel Artist International: "Ambience You Can Cut with a Knife"; Artists Magazine: "Creating Movement with Light"; and American Artist Magazine: "Picturing What People Leave Behind." She was one of thirteen female U.S. pastels artists at the Pastels of the World, Orangery of the Castle of Louviere, in Bourbonsais, France.

She was the IAPS Vice-President from its inception in 1994- 2006 (she will be giving a mentorship workshop at their 2024 convention) and a Degas Pastel Society Signature Officer. For over 25 years, she was represented by the Carol Robinson Gallery, New Orleans, LA.

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RAY CORTEZ WRITTEN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

by Angel W. Tisdale

All Other	"Full Bloom"	Dianne Duplantis
Watercolor	"Mother's Day Tulips"	Jean Boudreaux
Acrylic	"A Boy Viewing the Ocean"	Vee Taylor
Color Photo	"Good Morning to Have A..."	Sam Breaux

ALICE GIBSON ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

by Charlotte and Bob Opperman

Watercolor	"The Shrimper"	Donna Davis
Acrylic	"Bold Beauty: The Desert Wolf"	Christy LeBlanc
All Other	"Woodie"	Mike Baton
Teen	"Whimsical Woman"	Harlie Fontenot

KEVIN P. HEBERT MERIT AWARD

by Berwick Councilman Kevin P. Hebert

Child 2	"Red Fish"	Lia Allen
Acrylic	"3 Panel Swamp Scene"	Roger Gaudet
Oil	"Mosquito Bar Magic"	Andrea Matte
Child 1	"APHMAU"	Sophia Bollhalter

DONORS' MERIT AWARD FOR ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

by "Creative Strokes"

Watercolor	"Joe's Camp"	Carlotta Matherne
All Other	"Hidden Surprises #1"	Mary Marmillion
Acrylic	"Father"	Regina Babin
Color Photo	"Majestic Morning"	Danny Verret

DONORS' MERIT AWARD FOR ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

by "Best Meets Design Criteria"

Oil	"Shrimp Boat – Willie Joe"	Dolores Legendre
Acrylic	"Serene Shore"	Charlotte Opperman
Color Photo	"In Coming"	Chad Landry
Watercolor	"Walking the Quarter"	Jean Boudreaux

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2024 AGU SHOW WINNERS ART DIVISION

OIL

1st Place -	"Rusty Old Boat"	Andrea Matte
2nd Place -	"Manchac"	Dawn Koetting
3rd Place -	"Evangeline"	Ann Faillace

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"French Fountain"	Kathy Daigle
"Cutting Cane"	Dolores Legendre
"Butterflies in the Poppies"	Gail Lecompte

ACRYLIC

1st Place	"Reborn"	Alli Blakeman
2nd Place	"Kathy's Kitchen"	Terry Farrell
3rd Place	"Happy Tree"	Andrea Matte

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Blue Fin Bones"	Terry Farrell
"Fanciful Flower"	Lisa Giandelone
"Becky's Zinnias"	Beth Luke
"Bright Colors at the Beach"	Zora Bergeron

WATERCOLOR

1st Place -	"Fais-Do-Do"	Ron Cutrera
2nd Place -	"Kousa Dogwood"	Betty Porche
3rd Place -	"Parlange Plantation"	Adrian Naquin

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Jug for Wine"	Jean Boudreaux
"Environmental Issue"	Carlotta Matherne
"My Bad Bass"	Donna Davis

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60th AGU Art Show & Sale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Private Purchase Award Reception

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Exhibit Opens to General Public

Wednesday, August 28th to Saturday, September 20th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Gallery Hours

Wednesday – Friday, 1:00 .m to 4:00 pm, Saturday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Participating Artists and Closing Reception

Saturday, September 21st, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Photos of Children & Teen Winners will be taken starting at 1:30 pm.

Photos of Adult winners will be taken immediately after the children & teen winners.

Purchase Award selections and remaining artwork may be picked up during the week of September 25th through September 28th.

AGU thanks those who support our efforts to grow as a cultural arts center in St. Mary Parish

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MERIT AWARD IN PHOTOGRAPHY

by Jim Firmin

Teen	"Woman"	Eli Sheffield
Child II	"Spring Shadow"	Genevieve Steele
B/W Photo	"Forgotten"	Tyler Jones
Color Photo	"Abstract Walls"	Sam Breaux

SAM FISHER MERIT AWARD

by Sam Fisher Family

Acrylic	"Egret Fishing"	Lee Aucoin
Teen	"Forest Deer"	Zoe Wilkinson
Watercolor	"Fall Has Come"	Carlotta Matherne
Acrylic	"Heavenly Huming Bird"	Lisa Giandelone

OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S & TEENS' MERIT AWARD

by Carl "C.J." and Zora "Becky" Bergeron

Child 1	"Butterfly Hands"	Aiden Smith
Child 2	"Sea Paradise"	Jack Shirley
Teens	"Curiosity"	Alayna Tran

HELENE B. ALLEN MERIT AWARD

by The Allen Family

Child 2	"Pinker the Pig"	Everly Allen
Child 2	"Rocky"	Isabelle Bourgeois
Child 1	"Girl at the Beach"	Ella Allen
Child 2	"Clay Donuts"	Reese Allen
Child 2	"Blue Crab"	Lia Allen
Child 2	"Rose"	Jacob Bourgeois

OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S MERIT AWARD

by Caroline Simoneaux

Child 1	"Unicorn Sparkle"	Ella Allen
Child 2	"Looking Through Chaos"	Ella Barousse

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PASTEL

1st Place -	"Shrimp Boat Sunrise"	Christi Solar
2nd Place -	"Flower Power"	Kathy Daigle
3rd Place -	"In the Garden"	Karen Kelly

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Bump on a Log"	Christi Solar
"Orange Sky Over the Hill"	Diane Amador
"Good Morning, God"	Charlotte Opperman

ALL OTHER

1st Place -	"Over Stimulation"	Alli Blakeman
2nd Place -	"Beach Flowers"	Zora "Becky" Bergeron
3rd Place -	"Summer Vine"	Kathy Bourgeois

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Leaves Unseen"	Mary Marmillion
"Rice Paper Trumpet"	Vera Judycki
"The Beat Goes On"	Ron Cutrera
"Flowers, Flowers, Flowers"	Donna Davis

PHOTOGRAPHY - COLOR

1st Place -	"Stronghold"	Deborah Price
2nd Place -	"Samantha Fish"	Danny Verret
3rd Place -	"Abstract Walls"	Sam Breaux

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Da Vinci"	Deborah Price
"Slick Skillet"	Margaret Melancon
"When Two or Three..."	Jean Ayo

PHOTOGRAPHY - BLACK & WHITE

1st Place -	"Forgotten"	Tyler Jones
2nd Place -	"Pillars of the Earth"	Diane T. Martin
3rd Place -	"St. Louis Cathedral Fog"	Chad Boutte

HONORABLE MENTION

"Shadow Dances with Grace"	Aimee Chiasson
"Into the Fog"	Diane T. Martin
"Patience"	Diamond Burgo
"The Show Girl"	Aimee Chiasson

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BOB GREENWOOD MEMORIAL AWARD

1st Place Winner: Teens Division (13 - 17 years old)

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1st Place -	"A Pig Faced Priest"	Eli Sheffield
2nd Place -	"Where To?"	Sherley Perez De Leon
3rd Place -	"Coty"	Harlie Fontenot

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Fish Eyed"	Eli Sheffield
"Ensnared"	Alayna Tran
"Body Art"	Harlie Fontenot
"Yellow Jacket"	Andrew Martin

LORELLA LaROCHE-PITTS AWARD

1st Place Winner: Children's I (2 - 6 years old)

sponsored by Pitts & Matte, CPAs

1st Place -	"M-es Starry Night"	Marie-Elise Matherne
2nd Place -	"Flower #1"	Thea Ibert
3rd Place -	"Hand O'Saurus"	Aiden Smith

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Paint Pour"	Thea Ibert
"Best River Ever"	Marie-Elise Matherne
"Unicorn Sparkle"	Ella Allen
"Kitchen Art"	Sophia Bollhalter

GLORIA MATTE MEMORIAL AWARD

1st Place Winner: Children's II (7 - 12 years old)

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1st Place -	"Crystal Beach"	Genevieve Steele
2nd Place -	"Rosa Lisa"	Aubrey Loupe
3rd Place -	"Scared"	Sylvanie Steele

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"The Butch - Tugboat"	Gavin Moliniare
"Good Vibrations"	Liam Suire
"Night Flowers"	Emma Smith
"Spring Shadow"	Genevieve Steele
"Maw Maw"	Jolie Johnson
"Sea Paradise"	Jack Shirley
"Changing Tree"	Aubrey Loupe
"Sunset Island"	Sylvanie Steele

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