

# 28th Annual Open Juried Show 2020 Virtual Gallery Award Winners

Category / Award	Artist	Name of art	Medium
<b><u>Painting</u></b>			
<b>Best in Painting</b>	Ellen Orrego	<i>Death Row</i>	oil
<i>Judges' Comments: This painting, although at first glance seems simple, has a beautiful subtle composition and is executed expertly. The play of light and dark, the ropes and repetitive cow patch forms create an exciting realistic and rhythmic painting of subtle depth and meaning.</i>			
<b>Mitchell Award for Acrylic</b>	Karen Martin	<i>B Side 45s</i>	acrylic
<i>Judges' Comments: A wonderfully intimate capture, this piece is lively and nostalgic. It brings to mind the compositional style and quiet draftsmanship of Cassatt. The repetition of forms from the lively eyes and records bring life and playfulness to this image.</i>			
<b>Friedlander Award for Abstract</b>	Jodi DiLiberto	<i>Semiprecious Secret</i>	Digital Art - Fractal
<i>Judges' Comments: The vision of this piece is captured through crisp lines and lovely color gradations color. The asymmetrical form in the center with its round element warms up the piece and may indeed hold its secret.</i>			
<b>Caivano Memorial Award for Mixed Media</b>	Cecilia Swatton	<i>Happy</i>	collage
<i>Judges' Comments: The intricate layering upon layering coupled with repeating elements and a touch of newsprint keep the eye intrigued and searching for more.</i>			
<b>Caivano Memorial Award for Watercolor</b>	STEPHEN GALE	<i>Tauber ob der Rothernburg</i>	watercolor
<i>Judges' Comments: This work shows strength in excellent technical skills and exciting sophisticated composition. The bright color work, declined building structures and handing of light with the paint is executed expertly. The color fading and selective saturation, as well as the graphic</i>			
<b>Barbara Shieldkret Memorial Award for Oil</b>	Helene Condouris	<i>Windy Meadow</i>	Oil
<i>Judges' Comments: This piece shows a masterful use of color, rhythm and composition to make a subtle, exciting landscape.</i>			
<b>Fred N. Biello Memorial Award for Abstract Painting</b>	Sheila Grabarsky	<i>Bloom Where You're Planted</i>	Acrylics
<i>Judges' Comments: This work has an exuberant joyful composition, created with a passionate hand that clearly enjoys the textural nature of paint. It is both full of scent, color and provides vibrant areas of rest, in the blues and greens.</i>			

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<b>Pastellist Salon of New Jersey Award in memory of Marge Levine</b>	Susan Rickman	<i>Water Lilies</i>	pastel
<i>Judges' Comments: The artist has captured a moment of cool beauty, in the depth of the tree shadow and quiet dancing color reflections in this simple colorful composition. I appreciate the subtle shifts of texture within the reflections to depict the flipped sky scape through the trees.</i>			
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Annette Margulies	<i>Make A Splash(2)</i>	acrylic
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Carole Rogers	<i>Egyptian Street Scene</i>	Pastel
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Donald Robinson	<i>Utrecht #5</i>	acrylics
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Ellen Orrego	<i>Afternoon Confab on the Lake</i>	oil
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Randy Mayer	<i>Marcia</i>	Graphite

### Photography

<b>Best in Photography</b>	Larry Ross	<i>Dominoes</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We were both drawn to this photograph. The composition, the moment, the monochrome choice, all work amazingly well within this piece to make it a captivating capture of a larger story and triangle of friendship. A beautiful slice in the life of humanity.</i>			
<b>David MacNeill Memorial Award for Wit &amp; Whimsy</b>	Ellen Rubinstein	<i>Love my Mudbath</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We could not pass by the obvious silly moment captured with this quite well composed photo. The repetition and meandering nature of the fence lines transport you along the field and into the story of these two unlikely characters and their story.</i>			
<b>Lorraine Ravner Memorial Award for Monochrome Photography</b>	Elizabeth Schultz	<i>Old Porch</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We like the quiet gesture of the old chair. It feels like the portrait of a person who has been sitting in the sun a long time and moving creaks the bones.</i>			

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<b>Bob Warwick Memorial Award for Pet Photography</b>	Vince Matulewich	<i>Riley and Friend</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We love the way that the doll seems to be an alter ego for the mischievous cat. The lovely close colorful composition with bright warm colors enveloping the pair in their private moment of joy, is welcoming and uplifting.</i>			
<b>Milo Memorial Award for Action Photography</b>	Eva Krause	<i>Progression</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We are impressed by the unconventional "punk rock" feel and color of this piece. It defies immediate translation outside of energy, to seduce you into its quirky, honest and successful challenge to traditional aesthetics.</i>			
<b>Sara Stern Memorial Award for Artistic Innovation</b>	Bob Dowd	<i>Abstract In Blue</i>	Photo
<i>Judges' Comments: We were both drawn to this work because it's strong color, abstraction, layering of shadow and texture create an exciting and beautiful piece.</i>			
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Dana McKay	<i>Back Door</i>	Photo
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Holly Lund	<i>Ice Doll</i>	Photo on Canvas
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	John Regan	<i>Angels and Demons</i>	photo
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	Kristopher Schoenleber	<i>This Way and That</i>	Digital Photo
<b>Bronze Achievement Award</b>	peter smejkal	<i>She is a Brick House</i>	photo

### Sculpture

<b>Best in Sculpture</b>	Ella Hilsenrath	<i>my my my my my</i>	Fibers, wood
<i>Judges' Comments: We are drawn to the piece for its brutal intimacy - the opposite of a Pieta. Its depicts the scars and tears of the human growth cycle between mother and child in an honest and intimate way.</i>			

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David Levy and Tina Behr for the  
Barbara Shieldkret Memorial Award for Oil

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David MacNeill Memorial Award for Wit and Whimsy

Vince Matulewich for the  
Bob Warwick Memorial Award for Pet Photography

Anthony Migliaccio for the  
Caivano Memorial Award for Mixed Media and the  
Caivano Memorial Award for Watercolor

Barbara Russo for the  
Fred N. Biello Memorial Award for Abstract Painting

Steve Ravner for the  
Lorraine Ravner Memorial Award for Monochrome Photography

Mike Menendez for the  
Milo Memorial Award for Action Photography

Jennifer Tice for the  
Sara Stern Memorial Award for Artistic Innovation