

Endless Summer Online Show: New Member Showcase

Judge: Addren Doss, WAOW Master Signature Artist

Judge's Comments:

There are a lot of wonderful, strong pieces here, and the decisions I came to were not easy. To become a member of WAOW we must be proficient in our craft. So, when judging this show I was looking for emotion and different perspectives as well as the usual composition, drawing, and handling of the medium. This was not an easy task as there were many pieces deserving of recognition.

Best Over All – Luna Moth, Kathryn Vinson. This is a very strong and elegant piece that took my breath away. The artist beautifully combined the alabaster, copper, and wood. I love the fluid organic lines of the butterfly juxtaposed with the hard straight lines of the wood. I want to run my hands over the butterfly and study all the subtle color variations I see. The glow of the copper adds another dimension of warmth to the piece.

1st Place – Storm's Comin', Nancy Oppenheimer. This piece feels very spiritual to me, and is telling a story. For me it is all about the look in the bear's eyes as she intently listens to the message the bird is delivering.

2nd Place – Anticipation II, Deanne McKeown. This piece has a strong weight and presence about it. I want to hold that crow in my hands and follow the pathways the artist created when sculpting the feathers.

3rd Place – Sun and Sea, Jill Banks. Love the energy, light, and unexpected color notes in this piece. It definitely feels like a very warm day at the beach.

Honorable Mentions --

High Country Paradise, Jane Christie. Beautifully done pastel with a variety of textures, edges, and marks. I feel the sunlight and sparkle on the moving water.

Play Day, Pam Bunch. Beautifully done watercolor that captures the innocence of a bygone era. Nicely drawn and beautiful color palette.

The Balance of Risk and Return, Jan Lucking. Love the whimsy of this mixed media piece. I kept finding wonderful things to look at. Nicely drawn. The artist has a great sense of humor.