

This year the Labor Day Art Show for adults, for the first time in many years, was open to artists who lived in neighboring communities outside Greenbelt. This writer remembers when the art show displayed work by teachers and students from the University of Maryland, among others, back in the 1960's, when the art show was just about the only county "all hang" show that was open to all local artists. (An "all hang" show is not juried but instead encourages all artists to exhibit, usually limited to those within a geographic jurisdiction.) Due to space restrictions, the show in recent years had to be limited to Greenbelt artists, but this year the organizers decided to welcome nearby artists and hoped they would have the space. The result was an exciting show as artists from nearby communities enriched our exhibit with their works.

The first place award in oil or acrylic painting went to Caitlin Donahue, for "The Ferrocyanide Series: Process", and the second place award went to Hilary Katherine Theis for her "Portrait Series 2: Carlotta Valdez": both young women are students from College Park. The third place award went to Erin Flood, for "Hand". Erin, a Greenbelt resident, also won the first place award in the sculpture category for her "Octopus". The fourth place award in oil or acrylic painting went to Karen Van Allen, from College Park, for her still life "Three Pears".

In water color painting, Ann Dunne, of Greenbelt, received the first place award for her silk painting "Autumn Leaves". In the drawings category, S. Monique Craig, from Lanham, received the first place award for her pen and ink drawing "Untitled". Penny Smith, of Greenbelt, received the second place award for her pencil drawing of the "Greenbelt Co-op". Gerard Daelemans, from Bowie, received the third place award for his four panels of a cartoon series, and Darren Chang, of Greenbelt, earned the fourth place award with his "Reflection of the Sun." In the prints/mixed media category, Jan Garland, of Greenbelt, received the first place award for her mixed media work using plastic bags "A New Manner of Thinking." Mark Granfors-Hunt, of Greenbelt, received the second place award for his mixed media work "Humpty Dumpty".

In the sculpture category, Fred Tabi, from Riverdale, received the second place award for his wood carving "Seahorses", and Casey McCoy, from College Park, received the third place award for "Button Face". Daniel Kennedy, of Greenbelt, received a fourth place award for his "Oryx - South Africa", as did Missy Priest, also of Greenbelt, who received hers for her metal sculpture "Repurpose 1." In the fine crafts category, Helen Rowe, who lives in Hyattsville and teaches in Greenbelt, received the first place award for her raku vessel "Tulip Beaded". Kathy Kent, of Greenbelt, received the second place award for her quilted "Happy Holidays" Christmas tree skirt, and Laura Holman, of Greenbelt, received the third place award for her ceramic and glass plate "A Tragic Ending."

In the Children's Art Show, art work is divided into age groups for purposes of judging. In the pre-school through age six group, in the painting category, Joanna Dobbin was awarded first place for her "Winter Wonderland", and Isabel Walder received the second place award for her "The Color of Marbles." Karen O'Brien received the third place award for her tempera painting "Thanksgiving Table", and Whitney Shirley received the fourth place award for her "Horse and Apple Tree." In the drawings/prints/mixed media

category, Tatiana Malialani Isabella received the first place award for her print series “Colors and Designs”, and Macy Granzow received the second place award for her collage and poem “Butterfly Field.” Nicholas Willson received the third place award for his drawing “Luke”, and both Eden Burke and Kaleb Moore received a fourth place award, Eden for his drawing “Eden”, and Kaleb for his drawing “The Fair.”

In the seven to ten years old age group, Ana Fernandez received the first place award in painting for her acrylic “Mystic Owl”, and Edward Brennan received the second place award with his water color “Crazy Color”. Sebastian Fernandez-Napp received the third place award for his acrylic “The White Ibis”, and Mira Willson earned the fourth place award with her “Lying in the Sunlight.” In the drawings/prints/mixed media category, Ashley Dobbin received the first place award for her mixed media “Patterns of Piece.” Eileen O’Brien and Lily Granzow each earned a second place award, Eileen for her cut paper collage “Lizard in a Tree”, and Lily for her collage with water color “Flowers.” Levi Roslewicz received the third place award for his pencil drawing “Star Wars Robot”, and Haleigh Weaver and Grace Kendall each received a fourth place award, Haleigh for her mixed media “Fall Leaves” and Grace for her print “Beach in Hawaii.” In sculpture and three-dimensional works, Alexis Shelton was awarded first place for her “African Elephant”. Catherine Peterson received the second place award for her sewn work “Green and Yellow Dress”. Brothers Jonah and Julian Pitts received the third place award for their construction from Legos of “Roosevelt Center.” William Peterson received the fourth place award for his clay “Summer Tent” sculpture.

In the eleven to fourteen years old age group Mary Commins received the first place award in painting for her acrylic “Flowers.” Mary and her sister Patty received the first place award in drawings/prints/mixed media category for their collage with water color “Flower Fairies.” Patty Commins also received the second place award in sculpture and three-dimensional works for her ceramic “Patty’s Pottery.” Lindsey Leigh received the second place award in drawings for her drawing “Two Puppies”, and Selina Donahue received the third place award for her drawing “Pen.” Anna Brennan received the fourth place award in this category for her mixed media work “Dragon Fly.” Mairead Alexander received the first place award in sculpture and three-dimensional works for her dolls “Julianna and Christianna.” Rose Commins received the third place award in this category for her ceramic “Vase with Flowers.”

In the young people fifteen to eighteen years old age group, Nikky Brown received the first place award in painting for her acrylic fantasy “Dr. Seussy.” Maddy Henderson earned the second place award for her water color “Apocalypse City.” Maddy also received the first place award in the drawings and prints category for her colored pencil drawing “Hypnotize.” Adrienne Peters earned the second place award in this category for her drawing in pastel and charcoal “Ben’s Old Bike.” Aaron Pixley earned the third place award for his drawing “Heroes.”