

9th Annual Membership Award Exhibition Big Splash 2006

August 19th - September 11th, 2006

Judge of Awards Statement

I am appreciative and proud to have had the opportunity to serve as judge of awards for the Saint Louis Watercolor Society's Big Splash, a truly outstanding exhibition of St. Louis watercolor artists. The city where I reside, Kansas City, Missouri, offers no such venue. St. Louis is fortunate to have a group of such dedicated artists working to promote watercolor as a medium of excellence. Having worked in watercolor for much of my life, it is my feeling that any artist who works in this medium must have courage and perseverance-must be a risk-taker. For those who do persevere and learn from mistakes, the rewards are enormous. Some of the most striking and innovative work today is being done in the medium of watercolor.

Congratulations to all those who received awards. My criteria in judging was to look for the following: mastery of technique through design, composition and execution-irrespective of style; a distinct vision-the artist seemed to have a strong involvement in the composition; emotional resonance. I felt the work had the capacity to make connection with the viewer. There were many paintings in this exhibition that deserved awards, more than there were awards to give. This is a very professional show overall, and I applaud all those who entered work.

- Sandra Schaffer

Sandra Schaffer was born in Kansas City, Missouri. She received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, a Master's Degree from Central Missouri State University, and began focusing on watercolor as a medium shortly after that. She worked for several years designing stained glass windows and experimented in oil painting, but found herself drawn back to watercolor, enjoying the properties it afforded for transparency and luminosity.

Sandra has had work chosen to appear in over 140 regional, national and international shows and has won numerous awards. She is currently newsletter editor for Watercolor Honor Society as well as a signature member of 17 state and regional watercolor societies including Watercolor Honor Society, Kansas Watercolor Society, Missouri Watercolor Society, Northwest Watercolor Society and Watercolor West among others.

During the mid-90's Sandra began traveling, mainly to countries such as Indonesia, Nepal, Peru and Guatemala where she has taken much of her inspiration. The goal in many of her paintings has been to translate the beautiful colors, textures and forms she has found in these places into works of art.

Sandra has had several one-person shows including a show at the Birger-Sandzen Gallery in 2005. She also recently had the honor of having a biography chosen for the 25th anniversary version of *Who's Who of American Women*.

The Saint Louis Watercolor Society wishes to thank
The St. Peters Community and Arts Center

for generously inviting us to exhibit our eighth annual awards show. We especially wish to thank **Cynthia Du Bois**, Recreational Leader, and all the staff for their assistance and support in this endeavor.

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A very special *Thank You* to our exhibit co-chairs, **Nancy Huff Davis** and **Mary Mosblech**, and the members who gave so generously of their time and efforts to make this a beautiful exhibit.

Special thanks to **Bill Ide**, **Gloria Gewinner-Ide**, **Doris Schwartz**, **Betty Siems**, **Donna Johnson**, **Judy Seyfert**, **Barbara McCormack**, and **Mirka Fette** for their excellent installation.

Thanks to **Paula Gible**, **Sherris Welsh**, **Linda Meyer**, **Caroline Heck**, **Joan Rauch**, and **Pat Burrell-Standley** for manning the receiving tables.

Thanks to **Pay Long** and her helpers for hospitality.

Thanks to **Linda Hammelman** and **Beverly Lake Hoffman** for publications.



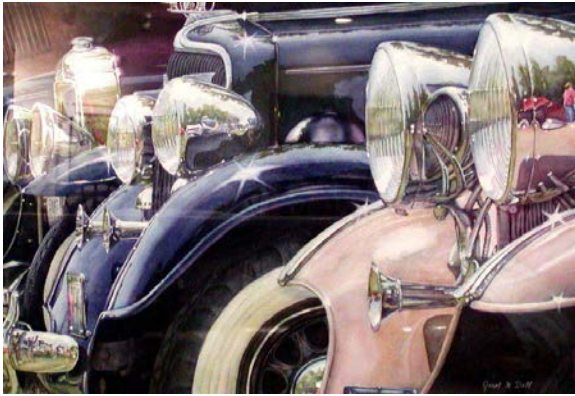
Juror's Choice Award
\$400 Jack Richeson Company
William Curtis
Reggae Man



\$100 Winsor Newton Award
Elizabeth Concannon
Sewing Room



\$100 HK Holbein Award
Margaret Schneider
Poppies In A Purple Vase



\$100 Daler Rowney Award
Janet Doll
Headlights



\$60 Solo Show, Showboat,
Saint Louis Watercolor Society
Judy Seyfert
The Care Center Series: You Mean I'm Old



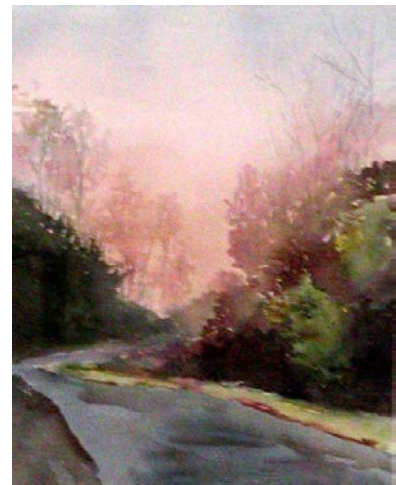
\$55 Camlin North America Award
Roz Flax
Way To Go



\$50 Cheap Joe's Art Stuff Award
Mary Lou Barrow
Elements



\$50 Artmart Award
Kathy Rotert
Reflection



\$50 Creative Catalyst Productions
Crystal Goldkamp
Klondike Foggy Morning



\$50 Creative Catalyst Productions
Pat Long
Sahara Ride, Egypt



\$50 Artmart Award
Hye Ok Kim
Imagining II



\$32 Daniel Smith Award
Donna Johnson
To The Bus Stop



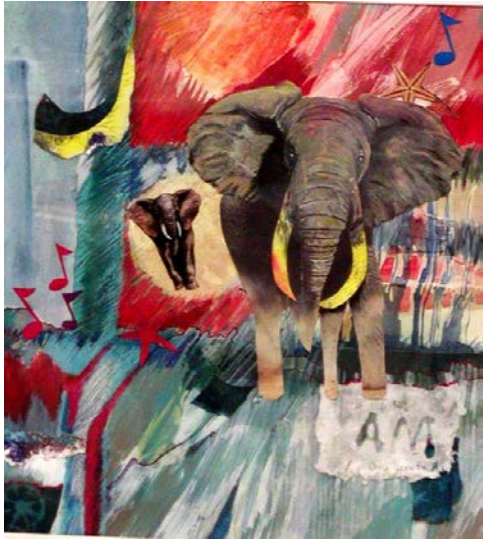
\$30 Royal Langnickel Award
Kevin Haller
*St. Louis Cardinals: Old Memories,
New Beginnings*



\$30 Royal Langnickel Award
Betty Jo Ruble
Just Over The Hill



\$25 Jerry's Artarama Award
Diana Saffo Bono
Serenity



\$25 FW Publications Award
Ann Moritz
Untitled



\$25 FW Publications Award
Mirka Fette
On the Lookout



\$25 FW Publications Award
Gloria Gewinner-Ide
Favorite Things



\$20 Schnucks Award
Linda S. Wilmes
Cone Flowers II



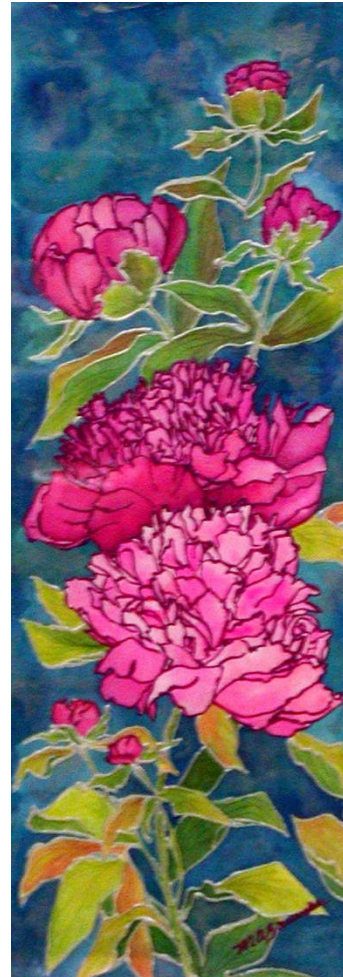
Honorable Mention
Jamie Hamilton
Zoo Carousel



Honorable Mention
Shirley Nachtrieb
Grapevine Window



Honorable Mention
Loris Butterfield
Deep Purple



Honorable Mention
Maggie Bauman
Persian Pearls