



Alliance of Fine Art

# 28th Annual Best of the Best Fine Art Exhibit May 1- May 26, 2021



(2019 Best of Show: "Dappled Forest Bridge"  
(Colored Pencil) by AnneBernstein

## DuPage Art League & Gallery

218 W. Front Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Viewing Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm

Saturday, 9 am-2 pm

(Social Distancing measures and face covering  
required when visiting the gallery)

### Virtual Awards Announcement

Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm\*

\*For Streaming Link Visit:

[www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org)

or Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllianceofFineArt>

The Alliance of Fine Art sponsors the annual *Best of the Best* Art Exhibition to acknowledge talented artists and to provide the community with an opportunity to experience the quality work of these gifted artists.

*The Alliance of Fine Art extends a special thank you to our event hosts at DuPage Art League and Gallery who have contributed greatly to the success of the 28th Annual Best of the Best Exhibit.*

**Prior to this exhibit, all art work has been judged and awarded recognition for excellence at the art organization level.**

## Alliance of Fine Art

*Established in 1962*

Oak Brook, IL

The Alliance of Fine Art is a non-profit professional association of art organizations which come together to form a partnership to advance education and appreciation for fine art in the community, provide opportunities for fellowship and support, share information and resources, contribute to knowledge and create a greater voice for local artists.

## 2021 Membership ~ Delegates

Addison Art Guild.....	Margaret Bucholz
Downers Grove Artists' Guild.....	Carol Kazwick
DuPage Art League.....	Mary Ann Asan
Elmhurst Artists' Guild.....	Carol Marcus
La Grange Art League.....	Diana Nawrocki
Lemont Artists Guild.....	Liz Connelly
Studios630.....	Carol Marcus
Midwest Collage Society.....	Nancy Castner
Naperville Art League.....	Peter Marinelli
Oak Brook Art League.....	Mark Moy
People's Resource Center (Affiliate)....	Lesley Gena
Plainfield Art League.....	Freddie Harmon
Yellow House Artists.....	Carol Kazwick

## Alliance of Fine Art Officers

Executive Director	Lesley Gena
1st Vice Director	Charlotte Cziperle
Secretary	Liz Connelly
Treasurer	Glen Hoffman
Webmaster	Carol Kazwick
Social Chair	Diana Nawrocki
Student Scholarship	Peter Marinelli/Lesley Gena

*Thank you to all the Delegates and Officers in the Alliance of Fine Art for your hard work to make the AFA High School Scholarship Competition and the Best of the Best Exhibit possible this year!*

# 2021 AFA Award of Excellence Fine Art High School Student Scholarship

Greetings! In continuing our mission to promote the arts in youth, this year, the AFA gave 4 scholarships in our high school student scholarship competition.

For the scholarship competition, we asked each of our member organizations to bring two high school student artwork pieces that would go through a voting process with the delegates of the AFA to come up with the four winners. *We were fortunate to have the opportunity amid the Covid-19 Pandemic to have a virtual exhibition that can be viewed on our website at [www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org).*

*Our Facebook page (which you can view at <https://www.facebook.com/AllianceofFineArt/> has a video announcing the winners who are listed below.*

Four student pieces were chosen with **two of the student artists receiving a \$500 scholarship and two of the student artists receiving a \$250 scholarship.**

**We are excited to present the winning student artists:**

**\$500-Elle Anselmo-"Day Dreaming"-Oil**  
from Lockport Township High School  
(Lemont Artists Guild)

**\$500-Andrea Peguero Gonzalez-"Brewing"  
- Paint Marker, Colored Pencil, Alcohol Ink**  
from Naperville Central High School  
(Naperville Art League)

**\$250-Matthew Milani-"Masked"-Polymer Clay,  
Wood, Wire**  
from York Community High School  
(Elmhurst Artists' Guild)

**\$250-Gabriella Rakvin-"Gaze"-Colored Pencil**  
from Lyons Township High School  
(La Grange Art League)

**The AFA congratulates our student winners and commends all of our student artists for their amazing achievements. *Special thanks to the all of the AFA delegates who brought us the work for this year's student scholarship program!***

*-Peter Marinelli & Lesley Gena*  
AFA Student Scholarship Chairpersons

# 2021 Best of the Best Exhibit Judge ~ David Marcet



Our 2021 Best of the Best Exhibit judge, **David Marcet**, is a figurative painter who has been teaching Fine Arts at Benedictine University since 2007. He grew up in Lisle, Illinois and attended Benet Academy. David continued his studies at Drake University where he earned a BFA in painting. After working in the Chicago art and theater industry, David went on to the Savannah College of Art and Design where he earned an MFA in painting.

For the past several years, while maintaining a studio in Hinsdale, Illinois, David has exhibited in multiple solo shows, created public art works, and his work has been acquired in several private collections. In addition, David received the Artist's Private Grant from the state of Illinois in 2008.

David lives in Hinsdale with his wife Sheryl and their three children, Brody, Emmett and Reese. Some of his influences include Caravaggio, Monte Python and Tom Waits, but he is most inspired by the silliness and exuberance of his three children. His artwork can be viewed at [www.davidmarcet.com](http://www.davidmarcet.com).

## The Awards

David was honored to decide a winner for the following awards:

The William Uznanski Best in Show Award....	\$150
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Award.....	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Award.....	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Award.....	\$50
Four Honorable Mentions.....	\$25 Each

# Displaying Art Organizations 2021 AFA Best of the Best

## Addison Art Guild

<b>June Feil</b> “Underwater”	Watercolor
<b>Terry Johnson</b> “View from the Spius”	Acrylic
<b>Annette Perone Leiber</b> “Reflections”	Collage
<b>Sharon Peters</b> “Enjoying the Garden”	Oil
<b>Lisa Stout</b> “Mother Mary at the Grotto”	Acrylic
<b>Lyn Tietz</b> “Purple Butterfly and Daisies”	Oil

## Downers Grove Artists' Guild

<b>Cherie Denton</b> “Balm for the Soul”	Acrylic
<b>Judy Fan</b> “Portrait of a Young Russian Woman”	Oil
<b>Pat Mroccka</b> “Twisted Hostas”	Watercolor
<b>Brad Purse</b> “Pop-up Safari at Failing Hydraulic Wildlife Monument”	Oil
<b>Mary Beth Purse</b> “Distant Blue”	Pastel

## DuPage Art League

<b>Rashda Arjmand</b> “Last Light”	Watercolor
<b>Kristina Davis</b> “Matron”	Colored Pencil
<b>Carol Kincaid</b> “Dancing in the Dark”	Oil Pastel
<b>Valerie Lorimer</b> “First Day Jitters”	Acrylic
<b>Diana Nawrocki</b> “Harvest Moon at the LakeHouse”	Textile
<b>Terry Niccoli</b> “The Artist”	Pastel
<b>Dale Olsen</b> “Morning Light 2”	Acrylic

## Elmhurst Artists' Guild

<b>Dorothy Bury Shaw</b> “Mother to Mother”	Mixed Media
<b>James Negley</b> “Brett”	Stoneware Ceramics
<b>Karla Wong</b> “Nurses in Pandemic Times”	Oil

## La Grange Art League

<b>John Baker</b> “Iris”	Oil
<b>Vivianne Korhorn</b> “Full Circle”	Oil
<b>Julie Skoda</b> “Airy”	Pastel
<b>Sharon Sleezer</b> “Giraffe”	Oil
<b>Jean Stoesser</b> “Lookout Mountain”	Pastel
<b>Jim Swanson</b> “Brussels Morning”	Oil
<b>Carole Wilson</b> “Canned Goods”	Watercolor

## Lemont Artists Guild

<b>Cheryl Ferber</b> “Spring”	Watercolor
<b>Diane Harn</b> “The Kidd”	Oil Pastel
<b>Teresa Moorehouse</b> “Open Doors”	Cold Cast Bronze
<b>Michael Preski</b> “About as Enjoyable as a Mechanical Ice Cream Cone”	Mixed Media Collage
<b>Lynn Rozycki</b> “What's in There?”	Watercolor
<b>Mary Kodl Truesdale</b> “Snowy Owl Strikes”	Watercolor
<b>Jackie Uznanski</b> “Strength”	Charcoal

## Midwest Collage Society

<b>Alice Christy Jacobson</b> “Express Yourself”	Mixed Media Collage
<b>Andrea Fox</b> “Evolution”	Collage
<b>Carol Kazwick</b> “Homage to Kurt II”	Mixed Media Collage
<b>Laura Lein-Svencner</b> “Long Walking Tale”	Mixed Media Collage

## Naperville Art League

<b>Patricia Nunez</b> “Deep Blue Sea”	Resin Wood Art
<b>Kip Pasta</b> “Opus #9”	Wood
<b>Kasia Szczesniewski</b> “Bloom Where You Are Planted”	Mixed Media Acrylic & Paper

## Oak Brook Art League

(unable to participate this year)

## Plainfield Art League

<b>Anne Bernstein</b> “Catskill Memoirs”	Colored Pencil
<b>Tita Brady</b> “Hope”	Oil
<b>Carol L. Cooley</b> “Las Limeñas”	Oil
<b>Richard W. Suter</b> “Weathered Ride”	Giclee on Paper

## Studios630

<b>Douglas Gotham</b> “Horn Section”	Colored Pencil
<b>Lynn Zuk-Lloyd</b> “A Place of Peace”	Oil Pastel

## Yellow House Artists

<b>George Bruce</b> “Architectural Illusions II”	Oil Pastel
<b>Carol Kincaid</b> “Mood Indigo”	Oil Pastel
<b>Ed Zack</b> “Sunset in Purple”	Oil Pastel
<b>Carol Zack</b> “Late Afternoon Garden Walk”	Oil Pastel



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