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AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

10th Annual New Jersey Highlands Juried Art Exhibit names 2023 winners

The 10th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit has named its winners for the 2023 competition.

The submissions this year feature a mix of photography, paintings, mixed media, prints and sculpture focused on the landscapes, flora, fauna and historic and cultural resources of the four-state Highlands region, with particular emphasis on the New Jersey Highlands. The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 26, 2023.

Fine Art Awards

The Fine Art entries were judged by Ginny Butera, president of Butera Artist Consulting LLC. For more than 40 years, she has curated art exhibitions for museums and galleries such as the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Toledo Museum of Art, Yale University Art Gallery and other prestigious institutions around the country.

First Place was awarded to Todd Doney of Gillette for "Swamp, June 17, 2:01 PM"; Second Place to Michael Wolf of Hillsborough for "No Sound of Water," sculpture; Third Place to Barry Zawacki of Denville for "Mother Earth," sculpture; and Honorable Mentions to Doris Ettlenger of Washington Twp., Michael McFadden of Washington Twp., Mary Hodgson of Bedminster, Jack R. Moore of Denville and Elie Porter Trubert of Washington.

All Fine Art entries in the exhibit can be viewed online at <https://tinyurl.com/Highlands-Fine-Artists-2023>.

Photography Awards

The Photography category was judged by Dwight Hiscano, award-winning photographer and founder of the Annual



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First Place went to J. Michael Williams of Hillsborough for "Electrified"; Second Place to Bruce Frazier of Denville for "Magnolia"; Third Place to Elaine Norman of Oak Ridge; and Honorable Mentions to Peter Aldrich of Boonton, Charles Dexter of New York City, Marv Kaminsky of Flanders, Tom Stillman of South Plainfield and J. Michael William of Hillsborough.

All photographs in the exhibit can be viewed online at <https://tinyurl.com/Highlands-Photographers-2023>.

Youth Awards

Youth awards were judged by Paul Jach and Kristy Brucale Jach, founders and curators at Speakeasy Art Gallery in Boonton.

First Place went to Benjamin Janis for "Jonathan's Woods"; Second Place to Karcsi George Piedl; and Third Place to Quinn Haltmeier.

"Congratulations to the winners, said Elliott Ruga, policy director at the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, which organizes the exhibit. "This, our tenth anniversary, was the most competitive year yet. The quality of the work, the depth of expression and the array of inspiration reflected by the artists on display here at the Morris Museum puts me in awe."

The exhibit is curated by Donna Compton, art program curator for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and owner of Compton Gallery in Boonton, with Anne Ricculli, director of Exhibits and Collections and Curator of the Murtoth D. Guinness Collection at The Morris Museum. Awards were announced at the opening reception held Thursday eve-

WINNERS: Sales proceeds will benefit the Coalition's work

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ning, Oct. 19, at the Headly Gallery in the Morris Museum.

"Many thanks to all the artists who really poured their hearts out this year. Both veteran and new exhibitors share sensational vistas and intimate moments, evidence of their authentic passion for this beautiful place and its unique importance," said Compton. "The inclusion of sculpture and fiber media adds to a textural 3-D sensational experience that is more like a hike or paddle in the actual Highlands. One never knows what to expect over the rise or around the bend."

Exhibited work is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

The exhibit is on display through Nov. 26, at the Morris Museum in Morristown. Juried by a panel of prominent local curators, gallerists and artists, the Annual Highlands Exhibits offer artists an opportunity to have their work shown while reaching a wide audience, while helping to promote the incomparable and diverse natural beauty of the Highlands.

A virtual exhibit featuring all this year's artists is currently on display on the Highlands Art web site at <https://highlandsart.org>.

For more information on the NJ Highlands Coalition, visit <http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org>.



First Place in the 10th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit Youth Awards category went to Benjamin Janis for "Jonathan's Woods."

For information on the Morris Museum, visit <https://morrismuseum.org>.