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10th Annual New Jersey Highlands Juried Art Exhibit
The Morris Museum
Announcement of Award Winners

The 10th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit features an impressive 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 is on display through November 26, 2023 at the Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ. 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. A virtual exhibit featuring all this year's artists is currently on display on the Highlands Art web site <https://highlandsart.org/>

The exhibit is curated by Donna Compton, Art Program Curator for the NJ Highlands Coalition owner of Compton Gallery in Boonton, with Dr. 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 October 19.

FINE ART AWARDS

The Fine Art was judged by Dr. Ginny Butera, president of Butera Artist Consulting, LLC. For more than forty years, she has curated art exhibitions for museums and galleries such as the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Toledo Museum of Art, Yale University Art Gallery and other prestigious institutions around the country. <https://buteraartadvisory.com/about-us/>
FINE ART AWARD-WINNERS INCLUDE:

1ST Place: Todd Doney, *Swamp, June 17, 2:01 PM* <https://tinyurl.com/Todd-Doney>

2nd Place: Michael wolf, *No Sound of Water*, sculpture <https://tinyurl.com/Michael-Wolf>

3rd Place: Barry Zawacki, *Mother Earth*, sculpture <https://tinyurl.com/Barry-Zawacki>

Honorable Mentions: Doris Ettlinger (*Blue Gil*), Michael McFadden (*Golden Hour*), Mary Hodgson (*Sunflower Magic*), Jack Moore (*Morning Call*) and Elie Porter Trubert (*Walking Within sculptures*).

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

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

The photographs were judged by Dwight Hiscano, award-winning photographer and founder of the Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit.

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD-WINNERS INCLUDE:

1st Place: J. Michael Williams, *Electrified* <https://tinyurl.com/J-Michael-Williams>

2nd Place: Bruce Frazier, *Magnolia* <https://tinyurl.com/Bruce-Frazier>

3rd Place: Elaine Norman <https://tinyurl.com/Elaine-Norman>

Honorable Mentions: Peter Aldrich (*Rockaway River, Denville*), Charles Dexter (*Primeval Swampland*), Marv Kaminsky (*Mantis*), Tom Stillman (*Ice Fairy Kiss*) and J. Michael Williams (*Old Blue*).

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

YOUTH AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE:

1st Place: Benjamin Janis, *Jonathan's Woods* <https://tinyurl.com/Benjamin-Janis>

2nd Place: Karcsi George Piedl <https://tinyurl.com/Karcsi-George-Piedl>

3rd Place: Quinn Haltmeier <https://tinyurl.com/Quinn-Haltmeier>

Other artists in this exhibit include: Peter Allen, Nancy Boney, Judith Lieberman, Jessica Cavaliere, Joe Kazimierczyk, Lisa Madson, Ardys Pedersen, Erica Engfer Pizza, Seth Ruggles Hiler, Lisa DeLoria Weinblatt and photographers George Aronson, Jane Biron, Mitchell Brozinsky, Jeremy Travers and Debra Wallace.

The exhibit will be on display until November 26, 2023.

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

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Visitors are welcome during regular Museum visiting hours.

Museum Information: 973-971-3700

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ABOUT THE NJ HIGHLANDS COALITION

Through events such as the Highlands Art Exhibit, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition promotes awareness about the beauty, and cultural and natural resources of the NJ Highlands region. As a nonprofit organization in Boonton, New Jersey, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition works to protect, restore, and enhance the water and other natural and cultural resources of New Jersey's Highlands. The New Jersey Highlands region encompasses eighty-eight municipalities in Bergen, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties. The regions' natural resources are protected under the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, enacted to protect the drinking water for 6.2 million people in NJ as well as the numerous natural resource values on which our quality of life depends. For more information on the NJ Highlands Coalition or to become a member, please visit the organization's website: <http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org>

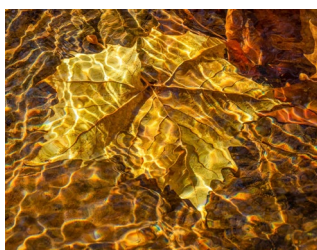
ABOUT THE MORRIS MUSEUM

Founded in 1913, the Morris Museum is an award-winning, multifaceted arts and cultural institution serving the public through its exhibitions and performances, which strive to interpret the past and discover the future through art, sound, and motion. The Museum is home to the historic and internationally-significant Murtoth D. Guinness Collection of Mechanical Musical Instruments and Automata. The Museum's Bickford Theatre is a 312-seat performing-arts facility, offering unique programming in film, jazz, and live performance through its innovative series, Live Arts. As New Jersey's only Smithsonian Affiliate, it launched Spark!Lab, a dynamic, Smithsonian-created learning space which will inspire young visitors to create, collaborate, and innovate. For information, please visit the organization's website: <https://morrismuseum.org/>

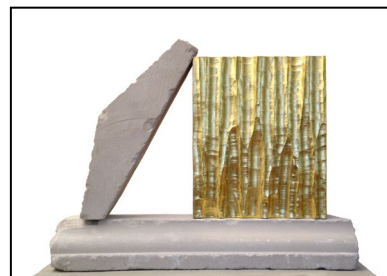
SELECTED IMAGES FROM THE EXHIBIT (six below. To view all images: highlandsart.org)



Todd Doney, *Swamp, June 17, 2:01 PM* oil painting
<https://tinyurl.com/Todd-Doney>



J. Michael Williams, *Electrified*
<https://tinyurl.com/J-Michael-Williams>



Michael Wolf, *No Sound of Water*, sculpture
<https://tinyurl.com/Michael-Wolf>



Doris Ettlinger, *Blue Gil*,
watercolor

<https://tinyurl.com/Doris-Ettlinger>



Michael McFadden, *Golden Hour*, Flashe vinyl paint on canvas

<https://tinyurl.com/Michael-McFadden>



Benjamin Janis (**Youth Category**), *Jonathan's Woods* photograph

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