



Award Winners announced at Rowayton Arts Center

Winners of the Brushwork Exhibition were announced at the Rowayton Arts Center's opening reception in August. Westport artist Wendy DeMaioirebus Pieper won Best in Show for her watercolor, "Dapper."

Artist, Art Educator and Designer Nancy McTague Stock selected the winners from almost 80 entries. Of the exhibit, Ms. Stock said, "Each painting in this exhibition is worthy of accolades and merit, each painting successful in its own right. The use of gesture, painstaking accuracy, atmosphere, texture and verbiage all expressed each individual artist's desire to communicate to their audience." Exhibit chairs were Amy Schott and Jessica Huse.

The other award winners include:

Acrylics: 1st Place: Heide Follin (Norwalk) "Brushwork"; 2nd Place: Leslie Ware (Norwalk) "Squibnocket Rocks"; 3rd Place: Lisa Thoren (Darien) "Regatta Day!"; Honorable Mention: Carolyn Lyngholm (Cos Cob) "Food for Thought"; Honorable Mention: Lois Weingarten (City Island, NY) "Beach Houses"; Oils: 1st Place: John Harris (Norwalk) "Model Study"; 2nd Place: Wendy Moore (Pound Ridge) "Morgan on Blue Velvet"; 3rd Place: Kendall Klingbeil (Pound Ridge) "Morning Mystery"; Honorable Mention: Frank Bordonaro (New Canaan) "Henry Green (1905-1973)"; Honorable Mention: Veronica Cassell-Vaz (Shelton) "Purple Gallinule"; Honorable Mention: Dawn Dahl (Wilton) "Morning Glory"; Honorable Mention: Steve Fritsch (Darien) "Great Blue Heron with Branch"; Honorable Mention: Yuko Ike (Darien) "Montego Bay Rosé"; Honorable Mention: Margaret Esmé Smith (Greenwich) "Sneakers"; Honorable Mention: Vicki French Smith (Darien) "Moving"; Watercolor: Best in Show: Wendy DeMaioirebus Pieper (Westport) "Dapper"; 1st Place: Susan Spivack (Westport) "Susan"; 2nd Place: Sandra Farley Aldrich (Westport) "Window Box Redux"; 3rd Place: Cynthia Whalen (Westport) "On the Water"; Honorable Mention: Bela Szabo (Norwalk) "Great Mum".



Kendall Klingbeil (Pound Ridge), Yuko Ike (Darien), Carolyn Lyngholm (Cos Cob), Heide Follin (Norwalk), Sandra Farley Aldrich (Westport), Susan Spivack (Westport), Wendy Moore (Pound Ridge), Bela Szabo (Norwalk)

New Norwalk Public Library exhibit - "South of the Border and Across the Sea"

Mexico, Vietnam & Cambodia seen through the lens of Karen Spencer



A new collection of photographer Karen Spencer's work, "South of the Border and Across the Sea," will be on exhibit at the Norwalk Public Library, in the Main Reading Room, from September 16 – October 23. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 16, at 3 p.m.

The exhibit features new works from colorful Mexico and images from a recent trip to exotic and historic Vietnam and Cambodia. It includes traditionally printed images on paper, as well as those on aluminum, experiments on fabric, and original photos on shower curtains. All images are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to NPL.

Karen Spencer has traveled the world, photographing people, places and things with her artist's eye. During her time abroad, she discovered that the creativity in photography offered a way to chronicle unique moments in time, providing insights into the lives, cultures and histories of people and places.

Spencer, who spends half her time in Mexico, records the polychromatic symphony of color that shows in every aspect of the rich Mexican heritage and its modern culture. "The play of light and shadow in a doorway, the shy smile of a child, the wise eyes of an old woman – these are the images that resonate with me and that I hope to share through the photographs I take," explains Spencer.

Born, raised and schooled in New York City, it was Spencer's study of art that first introduced her to photography and led her to a fellowship at CCNY. Her eye for texture, pattern and composition served her well in her long career as a graphic designer and art director for publishing, advertising and promotion agencies in New York, New Orleans and Connecticut. She has exhibited in Connecticut and Mexico, and her work is in private collections in the U.S. and abroad.

