

Miamisburg Art Gallery 2021 Annual Juried Art Exhibition Juror's Statement

Yuki Hall, TWSA, OWS, WPA

I am honored and humbled to be asked to judge this year's Exhibition at the Miamisburg Art Gallery. Judging a multi medium exhibition is always a challenging as well as exhilarating experience for me. By walking through the works of so many talented artists, I was reminded of the gravity of the responsibility of judging a show with such a high level of competence. At the same time, I was deeply affected by the aspirations of all the submitting artists that were permeating throughout the gallery. It truly was a joy for me to be a part of this exhibition.

Although judging an art exhibition is a highly subjective process, my decision making is always guided by several criteria. First, I look for the artist's ability to utilize the elements and principles of design. Did the artist use shape, values, color and edge quality effectively to create a powerful and yet pleasing composition? Is the composition visually balanced? Does the composition lead the viewer's eyes into the artwork? Often times, artworks that have such strong compositional qualities grab my attention initially during the survey stage, and they usually finish up to be award winners. Secondly, I evaluate the technical craftsmanship. Is the artist capable of fully utilizing the unique characteristics inherent in the medium? Third, I assess the originality. Does the artist have an ability to elicit unique and compelling elements out of subject matter that is quite ordinary otherwise? Or, does it look like another one of the postcards you see in a gift shop? Lastly, I bow to an artwork that exhibits the artist's emotional connection to the content of the work, with an infectious power that also affects me emotionally.

Congratulations to all the artists whose talent and vision became a part of this wonderful exhibition. If your work did not get included, please do not get discouraged. We all have been there. Let's keep creating!

I would like to again thank Miamisburg Art Gallery for trusting and honoring me to take on this important task. I would also like to express special thanks to Lori Hollenbeck, Darcy Morgan and Rosemary Nick who helped me during the entire jurying process to make my job much easier and enjoyable.