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## A Few Comments About the Awards....

### **Best Of Show...**

The painting that received the award for Best Of Show grabbed me, pulled me into the painting – it was if I had met this woman. The color choice evoked a feeling of warmth – of home. The many objects told a story. Her subtle expression made me feel a possibility of mischief and wisdom.

### **Mixed Media...**

First place in the Mixed Media category was a strong contender for Best Of Show. In this piece, there was a whimsy in the many objects with the rooms, but on close inspection, the message was more serious – it is telling the viewer so many stories!

### **Oil & Acrylic...**

In the Oil and Acrylic selection of paintings had so many beautiful pieces from which to choose an award! All of the pieces had a certain strength and bold, masterful technique. I walked back and forth, I decided to choose the ones that made me pause and step closer.

### **Drawing...**

In the Drawing grouping, the First Place award was exquisite! The bold, straightforward eyes of this figure demand you come closer, the muted, and limited color palette of warm reds, yellows, and oranges compliments the green eyes and shows the sophistication of this artist. However, it is the subtle expression of the mouth in this piece that I loved the most.

### **Watermedia...**

The Watermedia category gave me the most overwhelming indecision – such beauty and so many stories! The First Place award for Watercolor grabbed me from very far away. And I thought to myself – how can such a small painting seem so large and hold so much delicious color?! This painting seems much larger because of the mastery of the artist - you feel as if you would like to sit down by that tree for a bit, listen to the birds chirping, and feel the sun on your face!