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Juror's Statement

This show was such an honor to jury! The diversity of talent, the wide range of mediums, and the infectious inspiration, was truly overwhelming. Every artist who was included in this show should be proud.

When jurying a show, I always begin by using the principles and elements of design as my guide – great composition, color harmony, strong value contrast, and a mastery of the medium.

Then I look for *the story*.

A great piece of art invites the viewer to connect, to feel, and to listen.

The landscape paintings compelled me to walk right into the painting.

The figurative work made me feel as if I was meeting the people.

And some of the artwork evoked an emotional response – sometimes subtle, sometimes bold, sometimes sad, sometimes joyful.

For those artists who have been juried into this exhibition:
whether you received an award or did not
be proud and celebrate each other for all this beauty.

Years ago, a wise artist and mentor told me,
“Never enter a show for applause.”

I say, enter a show for the *opportunity*.

The opportunity to celebrate – to be inspired – to be challenged to grow.

To grow as an artist, is to be vulnerable – to take a risk.

Because vulnerability births creativity.

To all of the artists in this exhibit: look around this room and applaud yourself for the vulnerability and courage to show your heart to the world.

I saw your beauty, felt your heart, listened to your stories,
and I was grateful for the sharing. You inspired me.