

88th Annual McLean County Amateur Art Competition-Exhibition



McLean County Arts Center received 226 entries for this year's competition. The juror, Kaye Buchman, selected 104 artworks for the exhibition and awarded 25 cash prizes for outstanding works of art by amateur McLean County artists.

Kaye Buchman is an artist and arts educator in Chicago, IL. She received her BFA from Illinois State University and MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Buchman has taught painting, drawing, creative research, and art history for over 25 years in the Chicago area. She is the director of Kaye Buchman Studio where she makes art and mentors adult students interested in expanding their creative practices.

Juror's Statement

It was a pleasure to jury the 88th Amateur Exhibition at the McLean County Arts Center. As an artist and arts educator, it is always so refreshing to see the outstanding efforts that creative people put forth in developing their unique individual expressions. Having the opportunity to observe work across a wide span of ages completely reinforced the idea that creativity knows no bounds in terms of age or experience. It was delightful to see the range of interests and subjects represented and to enjoy images executed in both traditional and contemporary genres and styles. The work was quite memorable and it was difficult to make final selections. Every single artist earned my utmost respect for submitting work and, whether or not selected for this show, should feel encouraged to keep making art and looking for other exhibition opportunities. Congratulations fellow artists and good luck with all your future creative work!

-Kaye Buchman

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Award Winners

Merwin Medal – Best of Show– Camron Johnson

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Painting – Jackson Bradshaw and Claire Buchanan

Graphics – Kelly Brown and Alexis Schopp

Photography – Hannah Widener and Jack Stearns

Sculpture – Monica Hamrin and Cormac McCarthy

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Painting – Joshua Pennington and Sarah Schmidt

Graphics – Dylan Welch and Alexis Aarestad

Photography – Sarah Frey and Brian Scidmore

Sculpture – Laura Newman and Erika Nowak

ADULTS

Painting – Carol Boerckel and R. Carson Durham

Graphics – Jen Schuetz and Shayna Schwartz

Photography – Mardell Klasen and Ann Husk

Sculpture – M. Jo Hart and Margaret Norcross

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