

**2015 Labor Day Art Show & Sale Winners
Announced.**

2015 Art Show Judge

JUDI BETTS



Judi Betts AWS, NWS has attained an international reputation for her transparent watercolor paintings. Her paintings have won over 100 awards in major competitions i.e. The National Academy of Design, American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society and Watercolor USA. Paintings by Judi appear on national TV, wine labels (5 International Awards in label competition), CDs, DVDs and in over 35 books. Invitational exhibitions include State of the Art, Taiwan Art Education Institute, Federation of Canadian Artists, Walt Disney's EPCOT Center, Allied Artists of America at the Butler Institute, Pogan Galleries (CA), "Masters of Watercolor", and Selected Artists of the National Arts Club. Judi's paintings were selected to be exhibited in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Invitational Exhibitions of Contemporary International Water-Media Masters, sponsored by the Jiangsu Watercolor Research Institute in

Nanjing, China. Another of her paintings was selected for inclusion in the Inaugural Shanghai Zhujiajiao International Watercolor Biennial in Shanghai. Her work is included in the E Gene Crain Collection (Newport Beach, CA). Two of her paintings were selected for viewing when portions of the collection were displayed at the Oceanside (CA) Museum of Art. The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association featured CATTLE CALL on the June 2012 cover of their internationally circulated publication. Judi's painting, COALIE and JAKE, was selected by the Springfield Art Museum to receive their Purchase Award from WATERCOLOR USA'S 50th Anniversary Exhibition in 2011. Judi's painting FRESH START was selected to be exhibited in the 2009-2010 Exchange Exhibition between the Japan Watercolor Federation and Watercolor USA Honor Society. The exhibit was displayed in Tokyo in the Japanese National Art Center in April 2010. Senator and Mrs. Long commissioned Judi to paint the RUSSELL B. LONG Federal Building and Court House for their private collection. Her painting of the Louisiana Old State Capital hung in the Rotunda of the Governor's Mansion during the Foster Administration. Judi's paintings are also in the Permanent Collections of the States of Arkansas and Louisiana, the New Orleans Museum of Art and the Springfield (MO) Art Museum.

Judi has received the Louisiana Governor's Award for Professional Artist, the state's most prestigious award; the Transparent Watercolor Society of America awarded her their "Master of Watercolor" designation. Judi was selected for a special award for "Contributions to the medium of Watercolor" by Watercolor USA Honor Society and in 2012 received their Lifetime Achievement Award, their highest honor. Judi is the author of the award winning books WATERCOLOR...Let's Think About It! (5th printing) and PAINTING...a QUEST toward XTRAORDINARY (5 awards) and is also a contributor to many prominent art magazines. The ARTIST'S MAGAZINE selected Judi to be a juror for their 2002 International Art Competition which drew over 15,000 entries. She judged the Experimental Art Category. Over her career, she has been juror/judge for over 150 national/international and regional competitions. In 2009, she served on the Awards Jury for the American Watercolor Society's 142nd International Competition. More than 425 workshops have been presented by Judi; and she has given invitational sessions for watercolor societies in Norway, Puerto Rico, Sweden and Canada.

Judi is a signature member of the American and National Watercolor Societies. She also holds memberships in both the National and Salmagundi Art Clubs in New York City; and is listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN ART. Her paintings are included in corporate, university, museum and private collections.

**BOB GREENWOOD MEMORIAL AWARD
1st Place Winners: Child I, Child II, and Teens
donated by Pitts & Matte, CPAs**

CHILDREN GROUP I (2 - 6 years old)

1st Place -	"We Are Family"	Logan Karns
2nd Place -	"Hunting with my Daddy"	Levi Karns
3rd Place -	"Kitten Party"	Christian Utra

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Beautiful Butterfly"	Ella Mae Billiot
"Fish in the Sea"	Isabella Hall
"Purple Rain"	Peyton Lancon

CHILDREN GROUP II (7-12 years old)

1st Place -	"Orange House"	Sal Balsamo
2nd Place -	"Untitled 2"	Silas Hastings
3rd Place -	"Family"	Ava Allen

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Bad Kitty"	Cherish Lewis
"Summer Time"	Delaney Madere
"Super Heroes"	Dontrell Miller
"Chickens"	Emily Wise
"Untitled 2"	Sophia Hastings
"Party Sail"	Shayne Lacoste
"African Lion"	Gabriela Utra

**2015 AGU SHOW WINNERS
ART DIVISION**

OIL

1st Place -	"An Oak Among the Cypress"	Kathy Daigle
2nd Place -	"Oysters Eaten"	Rene Ghirardi
3rd Place -	"Spring Cypress"	Tracy Wischart-Plaisance

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Lake Martin Street Level & High Rise"	Carlos Daigle
"Southdown Sugar Refinery -1978"	Dolores Legendre
"Sunken Boat"	Hope Chiasson
"Duck Hunters"	Janet Mayfield
"Tide Rolling In"	Janet Robinson

ACRYLIC

1st Place	"Audubon Bridge"	Muriel Prejean
2nd Place	"Under the Old Oak #3"	Sam Richardson
3rd Place	"Heading Home"	Helene Allen

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"A New Orleans Collage"	Barbara Brown
"Catch of the Day"	Barbara Webb
"Lunch"	Laura L. Zuniga
"Nesting Dove"	Martha McGlocklin
"Little Bob"	Ray Bravo

WATERCOLOR

1st Place -	"Gumbo Fix'ens"	Jean B. Ayo
2nd Place -	"Abandoned"	Tony Cutrera
3rd Place -	"Blue Magnum"	Ron Cutrera

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Oysters"	Betty Porche
"Quiet New Orleans Morning"	Jean Boudreaux
"Old Lighthouse"	Judy Gonsoulin
"Fruits & Lace"	Lydia Champagne
"Poinsettias"	Martha R. South

52nd Labor Day Art Show & Sale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Private Purchase Award Reception

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit Opens to General Public

Wednesday, September 2nd through Friday September 4th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday, September 5th through Monday, September 7th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Show will run Wednesday, September 9th through Saturday, September, 26th during regular gallery hours

Wednesday - Friday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & Saturday's 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Participating Artists and Closing Reception

Thursday, September 24th, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Photos of Children & Teen Winners will be taken starting at 5:30 pm.

Photos of Adult winners will be taken immediately after the children & teen winners.

Purchase Award Selections and Remaining Artwork may be picked up

Saturday, September 26th between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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and the City of Morgan City.

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MERIT AWARDS

RAY WRITTEN MERIT AWARD

by Nelson B. Cortez and Madge C. Seymour

Oil	"Blue Bayou"	Tracy Wischart-Plaisance
Acrylic	"Russell's Wizard"	Diane Amador
Acrylic	"Three Crepe Myrtles"	Rene Ghirardi
Pastel	"Juicy Sweet"	Kathy Daigle

GAY BRIEHN MERIT AWARD

by Clay, Heather & Heidi

Watercolor	"On the Avon"	Helene Allen
Watercolor	"Coffee Cup Flowers"	Vera Judycki
All Other	"Dude"	Andrea Matte
All Other	"Remnants of Autumn"	Karen Kelly

SAMUEL FISHER MERIT AWARD

by Gertrude "Blondie" Fisher

Oil	"Storage Yard with Locomotive"	Dolores Legendre
Oil	"Amazing Grace"	Lane Larive
Acrylic	"B. Bird & Friends"	Debra Diehl
Acrylic	"Still Life Blues"	Muriel Prejean

ALICE GIBSON MERIT AWARD

by Charlotte and Bob Opperman

Oil	"Two Boiled Crabs"	Rene Ghirardi
Watercolor	"Long Earned Rest"	Jean B. Ayo
Watercolor	"Still Waiting"	Judy Gonsoulin
Pastel	"Resting Oak"	Charlotte C. Opperman

JIM FIRMIN MERIT AWARD IN PHOTOGRAPHY

by Jim and Yanming Firmin

Color Photo	"Jazzy Man"	Mimi Fowler
All Other	"Evening on the Atchafalaya"	Ethan Allen
B&W Photo	"Adam's Oak"	Adam Landry
Teen	"Dragon Fly"	Chassity Grimwald

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PASTEL

1st Place -	"Burnside Sunset"	Charlotte C. Opperman
2nd Place -	"Stepping into Spring"	René Vanover
3rd Place -	"Cannas"	Karen Kelly

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Lovely in Pink"	Donna Arabelle
"The Woods"	Karen Spinella
"Warm Romance"	Sheila S. White

MIXED MEDIA / ALL OTHER

1st Place -	"Nam Medal"	Andrea Matte
2nd Place -	"Louisiana Navigator"	Michele Olinde
3rd Place -	"Ethereal Trees"	Vera Judycki

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Spring Paper Flowers"	Cecile Evans
"Louisiana"	Lesley Marshall
"Elements"	Debra Diehl
"Oaks in a Row"	Diane Amador
"One of a Kind"	Grace Warino

PHOTOGRAPHY - COLOR

1st Place -	"Swamp Reflections"	Martha Robert
2nd Place -	"Louisiana Swamp"	Helen Haw
3rd Place -	"Majestic Flight"	Mimi Fowler

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Ups & Downs"	Donna Smith
"Late Afternoon Harvest"	Jean Kidd
"Egret and Dragon"	Mario Manfre
"The Three Amigos"	Paul Schaub

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PHOTOGRAPHY - BLACK & WHITE

1st Place -	"Foggy River"	Adam Landry
2nd Place -	"Bayou Fishing"	Ethan Allen
3rd Place -	"Seasons"	Aimee Chiasson

HONORABLE MENTION

"Black Egret"	Lane Lefort
"Spirit"	Vikki Sons

PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHER

1st Place -	"Manhattan Bridge - Water Street"	Quenton Jones
2nd Place -	"No Worries"	Kirk P. Courtney
3rd Place -	"Dawn at the Lake"	Sara Kidd

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"Great Smokey"	Randy Chaisson
"Bolts of Lightning"	Stephanie Jones

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TEENS

1st Place -	"Pelicans"	Caylee Deshotel
2nd Place -	"Shining in the Boardroom"	Alaina Smith
3rd Place -	"Meow"	Jordon Jones

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Crawfish Wharf"	Brennyn Galliano
"Find Your Peace"	Cameron Toerner
"Peaceful Green"	Carson Gagliano
"Dark Days"	Robert Clause
"The Back Door"	Zoe Legendre

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