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Letter from the President:

Dear Members and Friends,

The 38th Annual Ann Boyd Wade Fine Art and Photography Show was – in my view – a wonderful success. After a two-year hiatus, it was rewarding to host the event; sincere thanks to all who played a part in making it happen. We appreciate the sponsors of memorial and special awards; we also extend our thanks to the newly formed City of Willcox Arts Commission for its co-sponsorship and promoting the arts in Willcox.

Though pulling the show together this year presented its own challenges, these were met and overcome through the great teamwork and consistent efforts of hardworking art league members through every step of the process. From preshow necessities, preparing personal entries, to art show set-up and take-down, all went remarkably well due to all of you and your outstanding teamwork! You showed up, worked hard, and it paid off. Thank you!

Many thanks and congratulations go out to all the artists who shared their beautiful works. The magnificent diversity embodied the intent of the show: that art takes many forms, appeals to many styles, speaks to many hearts, and ultimately strikes chords of harmony within all of us who seek to appreciate the relationship of the arts to our lives. I heard more than a few visitors comment on various works that touched them in special ways. These are the rewards we enjoy as artists.

Of course, we offer profound thanks to our judges: Fine Art – Clement Scott and Lou Anne Sterbick-Nelson; Photography – Robert Harris and Glenn Weeks. We appreciate their time, expertise, insights and "critical eye" toward the diverse works presented. Judging is a daunting task to be sure and may not please or be understood by all. Therefore, the judges' critiques are so important and valuable for what we can learn and understand about our work as artists and photographers – a bonus for those who were able to attend the critiques. (Please view winning entries listed at the end of this letter.)

It's especially gratifying that the work of so many fine artists and photographers was on display. A total of 304 works were put up, including 150 student entries, Pre-K through High School. These were viewed by 398 visitors over the three days the show was open to the public. That number includes 13 1st through 4th grade teachers and their 258 students who made their way through the show on April 28th! Many of the students returned later with family, to spend a bit more time enjoying their art, as well as the works of others.

The artist reception on April 30th was well attended and allowed show winners to share their inspirations and/or processes. Young artist Maylee Thompson was announced as the recipient of the Freddie Romero Art Scholarship Award (\$100) for Fine Art. Also of note: the City of Willcox purchased Maylee's Best-of-Category artwork (Sandhill) for display in the city's visitor center. Congratulations!

Again, thank you to everyone!

Monika Cronberg

Congratulations to the ABW 2022 Show Winners

Best of Show

<u>Photography</u>	Linda Stacy The Vendor
Fine Art	Kaia Thomas – Passage

Best of Category – Photography

<u>Intermediate</u>	Butch Griffin Shrouded Cove
Novice	Elphie Carter – Cool Breeze Bunny
Student Photography (HS)	Andre Garcia, Florecer

Best of Category – Fine Art

Advanced	Yolanda Van der Lelij Barn Owl
Intermediate	Monika Cronberg – Goldfish
Novice	Myra Fountain – Deer Skull
Student (HS)	Maylee Thompson, Sandhill
Student (Elementary)	John (Gr 1) - Abstract

Category Place Winners – Photography

Intermediate 1 st	<u>Tina Gliddens – Dawn's First Flight</u>
Intermediate 2 nd	Rudy Martin – After the Harvest
Intermediate 3 rd	Karla Ellis – The Cowboy
Honorable Mention	Tina Gliddens l- Sandies at Sunset
Honorable Mention	Larraine Milne – Still Waiting
Honorable Mention	<u> Tina Gliddens – Thunderbirds</u>

Novice 1 st	<u>Emi Fish – Fielc</u>	<u>ot</u>	<u>Gold</u>

Novice 3 rd	Cameron Stacy – Cows on the Buren		
Honorable Mention	Marylou Fuller – Annie and Deer		
Honorable Mention	Elphie Carter – Midmorning Monarch		
HS Student 1st	<u>Lupita Rojas – Majestic River</u>		
HS <u>Student</u> 2 nd	Leslie Simmons – Summer Driving		
HS Student 3 rd	Trent Goldman – Tranquility at Sea		
<u>Category Place Winners – Fine A</u>	Category Place Winners – Fine Art		
Advanced 1 st	— Richard Bergquist – Along the Gila		
Advanced 2 nd	Yolanda Van der Lelij – Telegraph Pole		
Advanced 3 rd	Maggie Bryce – Li'l Wrangler		
	Kaia Thomas – Destiny		
	Maggie Bryce – Silver Bullet		
	Richard Bergquist – Mountain View		
Honorable Mention	Yolanda Van der Lelij – Bernini Angel		
Intermediate 1 st	Monika Cronberg - Ozzie		
Intermediate 2 nd	Martha Scott – His Majesty's Handiwork		
Intermediate 3 rd	Karla Ellis – I Thought So		
	Kathleen Brauchla – Alaska Summer		
	Audrey Fuller – Daddy Quail		
	Kathleen Brauchla – Daisies		
Honorable Mention	Marilynne Methven – Blue Fish Print-		
Novice 1 st	Linda Stacy – Dew Drops		
Novice 2 nd	Myra Fountain – Barbed Wire and Roses		
Novice 3 rd	Myra Fountain – Cactus Blossom		
	Myra Fountain — Saguaro Sunset		
Honorable Mention			
HS Student 1 st	Maylee Thompson – Waxwings		
HS Student 2 nd	Maylee Thompson – Forest Dragon		
HS Student 2	Renee Larson – Untitled		
	Maylee Thompson – Ready to Ride		
Honorable Mention	Anabeth Cameron – Hero in Training		
Student Florester 1st	Voilani (Cr. 1) Ligard		
Student Elementary 1st	Yeilani (Gr 1) - Lizard		
Student Elementary 2 nd	Ulises Hernandez-Gonzales (Gr K) – The Sea		
Student Elementary 3 rd Honorable Mention	Josey Benevides (Gr 4) – Golds and Blues Warnigh (Gr 4) — Patterns		
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Marylou Fuller - Mountain and Lakes

Novice 2nd

Honorable Mention	<u> Izyck (Gr 2) - Jaguar</u>	
Honorable Mention	Aiden (Gr 1) – Orange and Brown	
Honorable Mention	Daniel (Gr1) - Ocean	
Honorable Mention	Doriean Garibaldi Mares (Gr 1) Frog	
Honorable Mention	Poshitha Khaja (Gr K) – An Owl's Picnic	
People's Choice – Photography	<u> Tina Gliddens – Dawns First Flight</u>	
People's Choice – Fine Art	Martha Scott – His majesty's Handiwork	
Memorial and Special Awards		
Ann Boyd Wade for Pastel	Dave Ottens – Night in Italy	
Maggie Richardson – Animal	Audrey McGrath – Roadrunner	
Peggy Ottens – Open	Karla Ellis – Reflections (Photography)	
Sarah Rose Broeder – Student Photo Katelyn Shannon – Family		
<u>Cowbelles</u> Karla	Ellis – Let the Light Shine on Me	

Events and Activities: We have a busy few months ahead!

Wine Festival Show May 21-22, 2022

Ranching Heritage Festival June 3-5, 2022

If you have work (art or photography) that you believe will fit the theme of this show, please send me photos. I will decide what to include depending on how much space and how many submissions I get.

Willcox Art League summer party!

June 11, 2022, 4pm to ?...

Potluck dinner at Yolanda's house, 8660 Layton Lane, Willcox, AZ bring a spouse or friend. See you there!

The Senior Art program - working through the Willcox Theater and Arts team - (ACE of Arts. *ACE = Aging as Creative Endeavor) is up and running.

Go to: Willcox Theater and Art to sign up!

Willcox Art League information is available at: www.willcoxartleague.com www.facebook.com/willcoxartleague

For information about the San Pedro River Arts Council go to: http://www.sprarts.org/home.html

For information about the Tombstone Association of the Arts http://www.tombstoneartgallery.com