

2019 YOUNG AND BUDDING EXHIBITION AWARDS
Lee Gordon, Juror

Ruthanne Arbeit Excellence Award for Best in Show

Kasey Favor, *Surf Fishing*, Acrylic
16, Grade Ten - Private art teacher Susan Kneeland

I really love how the two fishermen are looking in two different directions, as if having each others back. The reflection of water and the texture of the sky are done beautifully.

Currier Awards for Overall Excellence

Katie Mead, *Seltzer*, Drawing
17, Grade 12 Newburyport Highschool

I was struck by the size of the work in relation to the size of the object. The amount of detail in line work is amazing! Look for the droplets within droplets of the liquid.

Coco Haseltine, *Disco*, Drawing
18, Grade 12 - Private Art Teacher Joan Gessner

Excellent and sophisticated use of media. The perspective of the hand coming forward is so well done. Notice the reflection of the disco balls on the figure.

Lydia Sullivan, *Repose*, Drawing
16, Grade 11 - Private Art Teacher Susan Kneeland

I like the different tones of charcoal and the man's derby hat that give it an "old-timey" feel. I also like the choice of the tobacco color paper in relation to the subject matter.

Ciara McCarthy, *Lunch*, Oil
16, Grade 10 - Private Art Teacher Susan Kneeland

I first noticed the composition of the subject is in the bottom left corner and yet the eyes are still drawn to the back. Really nice execution!

Joan Gessner Award for Excellence in Watercolor

Jack Vachon, *Cotton Gin, MS*, Watercolor
17, Grade 11 - Private Art Teacher Joan Gessner

I enjoy the rust colors of the structures and the textures of the tree & grass.

James Moore, *Osborne House, Hope Town, Bahamas*, Watercolor
11, Grade 5 - Private Art Teacher Joan Gessner

I love the texture of the trees and the overall execution!

Joan Gessner Studio Award

Tessa Porter, *Tropical Toucan*, Pastel
12, Grade 7 - Private Art Teacher Susan Kneeland

The color is so bold and vivid! Just like a toucan should be!

Joan Gessner Studio Award

Matthew Reeves, *Bowl*, Fine Crafts
16, Grade 10 - Newburyport Highschool

I love the simplicity of the carved bowl. It has such thoughtful details... the carved lines make it sleeker looking and the copper inlay is a nice touch.

Peg & Howard Dalton Award

Lauren Budd, *Optimism*, Sculpture
12, 7th grade - Caleb Dustin Hunking Middle School, Haverhill

Each component has been carefully put together as a sculpture. The glass case gives it a sense of delicacy to preserve that optimism.

Christine Molitor Johnson Award

Mackenzie Casto, *Solitary Hope*, Pastel
13, Grade 7 - Private Art Teacher Ann Johnson

Love the muted blues. The pastels blend really well to create different shades of blue. I was initially intrigued by the cuteness of the polar bear.

Susan Spellman Award for Excellence in Drawing

Olivia Dekofski, "*such things to be...*", Drawing
15, Grade 10 - Private Art Teacher Susan Kneeland

Skillfully drawn with the white charcoal on black paper. The detail and texture in the skirt of the dress is artfully executed. Beautifully framed.

Beverly Mitchell Award

Gabriel Michalman, *Untamed*, Pastel
14, Grade 8 - Private Art Teacher Susan Kneeland

The coloring is amazing. Get up close and you see thousands of individual marks. The marks create the direction of the mane.

Sara Demrow Dent Award for Excellence in Acrylic

Amelie Arteaga, *Cat*, Acrylic
12, Grade 5 - Private Art Teacher Nancy Forristall

This is a really fun piece where the eye wanders from one pattern to another.

Sue Keller Award (4 total)

Raja Heflin, *Pulled Apart*, Watercolor
15, Grade 9 - Triton Regional High school

It looks like a 1990's action figure being torn apart. Very original thought and interesting sense of body form. It's an interesting combination of grizzly and sickly sweet.

Quinn Morrissey, *Elephant*, Mixed Media
10, Grade 5 - Nancy Forristall

Im drawn to the whimsical pastel colors of the piece outlined by shapely bold white lines. Adding the 3D elephant creates a new element of fun!

Tess Schmidt, *Massai Toes, Kenya*, Photography
13, Grade 8 - Rupert A. Nock Middle School

I love the balance of the composition, the toes digging in the dirt covered by the arc of the deep blue dress. Looking at the set of toes makes you wonder who they belong to.

Alice Dragnea, *Morning Dew*, Watercolor
16, Grade 11 - Amesbury High School

Awesome shadows. Interesting edges. Good command of watercolor technique and range of values.

Honorable Mentions –

Grade 1: Brenna Currie, *Bird in the Woods*, Watercolor (7, Grade 1 - Joan Gessner)

Grade 2: Tyler Masiello, *The Looking Owl*, Pastel (8, Grade 2 - Bresnahan Elementary School
Newburyport)

Grade 3: Zoe Cough, *Elizabeth*, Printmaking (8, Grade 3 - Nancy Forristall)

Grade 4: Gemma Shakespeare, *Avo Cuddles*, Mixed Media (9, Grade 4 - Molin Elementary
Newburyport)

Grade 5: Yanina Sheehy, *Penelope*, Drawing (11, Grade 5 - Susan Kneeland)

Grade 6: Alexis Smith, *The Good Old Days*, Photography (12, Grade 6 - The boys and Girls club of
Lower Merrimac Valley)

Grade 7: Rachel Janes, *Portrait of Annabel*, Drawing (12, Grade 7 - Amesbury Middle School)

Grade 8: Nieve Morrissey, *Visit Boston*, Acrylic (12, Grade - Nancy Forrestand)

Grade 9: Camden Jones, *Untitled*, Mixed Media (16, Grade 9 - Pentucket Regional High School)

Grade 10: Emily Gould, *Tranquility*, Drawing (15, Grade 10 – Susan Kneeland)

Grade 10: Spencer Gray, *Gentle Giant*, Photography (15, Grade 10 - Newburyport High School)

Grade 11: Carmela Murphy, *Masking Our Emotions?*, Mixed Media (16, Grade 11 - Newburyport
High School)

Grade 12: Allie Hawkes, *Monmartre*, Acrylic (17, Grade 12 - Triton Regional High School)