

Sooke Fine Arts Show announces 2021 award winners

SOOKE, BC – July 27, 2021 – Winners of The Sooke Fine Arts Show awards were announced at the live online Award Winners show on Saturday, July 24. Art pieces chosen for 2021 awards include an ethereal sculpture of a dancer made from chicken wire, a textile representation of an industrial shoreline, a bronze sculpture of an Indigenous man with an eagle face, and a ring with a succulent “jewel”.

In all, 19 awards totalling \$12,000 are distributed each year to the most talented artists from BC’s coastal islands who have an art piece in the Sooke Fine Arts Show. The award categories include eight Awards of Excellence, five Honourable Mentions, three Juror’s Choice awards, the District of Sooke Award, the Jan Johnson award for Social Commentary, and the Designers’ Choice Award, chosen by the Design Team and Show Designer. The popular People’s Choice and Children’s Choice Awards will be determined by votes from the public and announced at the end of the show. Seven Youth Art awards were also announced at that time.

This year, the finest works of painting, sculpture, glass, ceramic, fibre art, photography, jewellery and mixed media were selected by an exceptional panel of three jurors, who chose the awards of recognition. Emily Hermant, Carey Newman (Ḥayalkangame’), and John Stuart Pryce reviewed almost 350 art pieces accepted into this year’s show to determine the pieces for SFAS 2021 awards and special recognition.

SFAS 2021 award-winning art pieces are on display for in-person viewing at the Sooke Arts Council Gallery from 11-4 every day until August 8th. The gallery is located at 6596 Sooke Rd. The Award Winners gallery can also be viewed online at <https://show.sookefinearts.com/2021-award-winners/>

The Sooke Fine Arts Show is free online to the public from July 23 through August 2 at www.sookefinearts.com

Awards of Excellence:

Growth in Confinement by Lainey Thompson
Acorn Catchers by Martina Edmondson
Spiral Basket Weave Illusion Platter by Raymond Sapergia
Strings Attached by Poulami Banerjee
Kwaguilth Man Bronze by Richard Hunt
As Common As by Gordon Reisig
Tree Spirits by Marc Baur

Honourable Mention Awards:

Consumed by Vanity by Louise Huneck
Indigo by Meghan Crow
Shards by Valerie Kuehne

Andy by Wendy Chartrand
Made by Wolves by Judy Weeden

Jurors' Choice Awards:

Juror Carey Newman – Growth in Confinement by Lainey Thompson
Juror Emily Hermant – Acorn Catchers by Martina Edmondson
Juror John Stuart Pryce – Tree Spirits by Marc Baur

District of Sooke Award:

Misplaced Cart by Michael Gabelmann

Jan Johnson Award for Social Commentary:

Along the Fraser by Susan Purney Mark

Designers' Choice Award:

Isabella Arabesque by Sheena McCorquodale

Youth Art Awards

Award of Distinction: Flower on Fire by Mariah Madill

Inspiration Award: Reborn by Brendyn Wilmshurst

Honourable Mention Awards:

Tedious Thirds by Lindsay Van Rooyen
Together We Are More by Brendyn Wilmshurst

Youth Art Jurors' Choice Awards:

Juror Eunmi Conacher – Elements of Design – Line by Okemezino Stacey Afiegbe
Juror M-E Schell – Soaring Beyond Reality by Makayla Madill
Juror Shannon Lee Rae – Embracing Femininity by Makayla Madill

About us

The Sooke Fine Arts Society encourages and promotes a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts by organizing the annual Sooke Fine Arts Show, as well as hosting public learning opportunities to demonstrate artistic techniques and expertise. The mission of Sooke Fine Arts Society is to foster the role art plays in the region's heritage, culture, economy, and community spirit.

Learn more

For more information about the Sooke Fine Arts Show and events, please visit:
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