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Artists honoured at Maple Syrup Festival

Entertainment - Warkworth - Marc L. Gagnon, a water colour and acrylic artist from Newcastle, selected the winners of this year's 14th Annual Maple Syrup Festival Art and Photography Show and Sale which took place in Warkworth at the Memorial Community Hall last Saturday.

There were some first-time winners at this year's juried event.

Seventy-nine works of art were submitted from which Gagnon chose to include 45.

Earlier in the morning he had given a free demonstration in abstract watercolour painting.

The following are the winners:

Best in Show called Red on a June

Day (oil on canvas) was awarded to Lenni Workman of Warkworth.

Gagnon said he was impressed with the large scale of this painting and the tension between the realism of the large red flowers and the abstraction of the vase with reflections. Coordination of the colours and the simplified background enhanced the subject.

Best Painting called Running Water, (oil on canvas) was won by Jerry Albert, who has a studio in Baltimore and is a first-time winner.

"This is a great on-site painting, easy technique and not contrived. It is a little bit of tucked-away landscape rendered with feeling," said Gagnon.

Best Photograph, called Winter Field

near Hastings, was won by Rob Gagnon. Laycock of Trent Hills.

"Rob has captured a unique and mysterious vision of the landscape, enigmatic and beyond art," said Robert Cochrane, of Roseneath.

Juror Gagnon said he was struck by this powerfully strong and formidable sculpture.

Best 3D or Mixed Media called Eagle (Serpentine Stone from Zimbabwe, Africa) was awarded to simplified movement along with

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Jerry Albert won Best Painting with his oil on canvas painting, "Running Water". Photo: Elaine Tweedie



Lenni Workman won Best in Show with her oil on canvas painting "Red on a June Day". Photo: Elaine Tweedie

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