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## Spirit of the Hills names juried show winners

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WARKWORTH — When the Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show opens this weekend, artists and photographers from Cobourg, Port Hope, Grafton, Castleton, Hastings, Campbellford and Warkworth will be part of the display.

Though the opening is March 12 and 13, designed to coincide with the Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival, the winners were determined in a private session last weekend.

James Campbell, executive director and curator of the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, examined the work of 31 artists and photographers to name works of special note.

• Dania Madera-Lerman of Havelock took best-in-show honours with a painting called Alec.

“The painting radiates energy, sound movement and music,” Campbell said.

“It radiates what the subject is doing. The artist demonstrates very sure and consistent handling of the media with a truly dynamic surface.”

• Olga Neinhuys of Cobourg saw her Behind Main Street named as best painting.

Campbell said the work was interesting on many levels.

“It has a haunting, dreamlike quality to it due to the absence of figures,” he said.

“It is an interesting choice of subject and vantage point. The painting has a surreal dreamlike air.”

An honourable mention in this category went to Julie MacDonald of Warkworth for Canada’s Wonderland — notable, Campbell said, because it is bursting with vital colour and motion.

“A wonderful overlap of colour using acrylic on paper,” he added.

• Warkworth photographer Carey Campbell Dinkel’s Nature’s Embrace was named best photograph.

“A captivating composition, beautifully organic with branches like tendrils. The branches assume human forms — very visceral,” Campbell commented.

“The photo brought to mind Rodin’s The Kiss. A wonderful black-and-white.”

Tom Groot won an honourable mention in this category for High On A Windy Hill, termed a striking image by Campbell.

“Timeless forms of rolling hills and shadows with the sky cutting through,” the judge said.

“It also has contemporary energy with the turbines.”



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Woman of Summer by Georgina Schaeff of Warkworth was named best 3D mixed-media piece in the Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show.

• Georgina Schaeff of Warkworth took the best #3D-mixed media award with Woman of Summer.

Campbell said the plaster of Paris-and-clay sculpture of a seated woman was a bold fusion of materials.

“Wonderfully textured,” he added.

“She exudes a physical presence.”

Suzanne Towns of Campbellford won honourable mention in this category for a fibre piece called Lichen 4.

“It’s beautifully organic, softened material, a wonderful fusion of organic life form and a functional vase,” Campbell said.

Prizes were generously donated by Eclectic Mix (for best-in-show), Warkworth Farm Supply (for best painting), the Holmestead Print and Business Services (for best pho-

tograph), Warkworth Remedy’s RX (for best 3D-mixed media piece) and the Village Pantry (for people’s choice).

The show will be held at the Arts & Heritage Memorial Hall at 35 Church St. in Warkworth. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Spirit of the Hills group is dedicated to promoting all creative art forms and traditions in Northumberland County, including the performing and visual arts, media, design and the literary arts.

Founded in August 2000, Spirit of the Hills is essentially sustained by volunteers, membership and revenues from the various shows or performances sponsored by the organization.

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Alec by Dania Madera Lermantook of Havelock took best-in-show honours at the Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show.



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Nature’s Embrace by Carey Campbell Dinkel of Warkworth was named best photograph in the Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show. Seen in the photo is Judy Hopkins, chair of the visual arts committee.



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Behind Main Street by Olga Neinhuys of Cobourg was named best painting in the Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show.