



Sketches

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WINNERS GALORE AT GUALALA ARTS

“Wet Paint” – Best of 2006 Exhibit

The third annual Wet Paint Show isn't just about paint. It is called “wet” because all pieces must be produced this year. The gallery is full as artists compete for the \$1,300 in prize money in this North Coast Artist Guild sponsored exhibit.

The two jurors of this year's show were Karen Bowers and Susan Ball, to the right in the photo. Ball has twenty-five years of experience in the art field and currently runs the Graton Gallery. Primarily a watercolorist, Bowers was Artist in Residence at Yosemite National Park and shows at the William Zimmer Gallery in Mendocino.

Here they hold the Best Of Show piece, Sandy Ostrau's *Pacific Reach North*, an oil painting, which received a \$350 award. Second prize was Jim Vickery's painting *Distraction*, which received \$250. Third prize was Anna Grossnickle Hines' art quilt *Salad Creek*, which received \$200. The four Honorable Mentions, each receiving \$125 awards, were Drew Fagan's *Miss America* – acrylic; Arna Means' *Downward Angel* – etching; Gerda Randolph's *Pinto Pony II* – basket; and Diane Cochran's *Prayer* – sculpture. The show closes January 7.



Winners of the Love – Hate Exhibit



Visitors to the Love – Hate Exhibit, held in November, voted in three categories. The prize for Best In Show was awarded to Mark Hensen for this painting, *Land of The Free, Home of the Brave* shown above. The Most Provocative Work was judged to be Michael Healy's *In Lowly Patience, Waiting to Cross the Threshold*, which was painted in reverse on the glass of a recycled window. The Best Use of Materials Prize went to Miriam Owen for her *Promise Her the Moon and the Stars* – a sculpture featuring a Barbie doll. The winners shared over \$1000 in prize money thanks to curator David Wayne Floyd and Gualala Arts.

Raffle Winner

Pam Zimmerman



Photo by Daniel Lane

Pam Zimmerman, center, was the winner of over \$2,500 worth of coupons from local merchants on the Raffle Tree at the Festival of Trees. To her right are Santa Claus and Susanne Kritz, who drew the lucky ticket. David 'Santa-Sus' Susalla gives her a thumbs-up congratulations.

More Winners!

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