65th ROCHESTER-FINGER LAKES EXHIBITION:
Artist Awards

ROCHESTER, NY, August 10, 2015 — Eight cash awards totaling more than $5,000 were presented to artists at the members’ opening of the 65th Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition. The show, which is presented every two years, opened to the public July 26 at the Memorial Art Gallery and remains on view through September 13.

Seven of the awards were chosen by this year’s juror—Michael Rooks, Wieland Family Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at Atlanta’s High Museum of Art. The eighth, the Alice E. Koret award, was selected by Memorial Art Gallery docents. The final award, the Harris Popular Vote Award, was announced today. It is voted by visitors during the first two weeks of the show.

JUROR’S AWARDS:
Memorial Art Gallery Award (Award of Excellence) ($1,500): Stephanie McMahon of Alfred Station, Sweet and Sour (oil on canvas) pictured above

Gertrude Herdle Moore/Isabel Herdle Award, given by the Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery ($500): Jeff Suszczynski of Rochester, one clear minute #8 (hand-cut collage)

Louis D’Amanda Memorial Award, given by family of Louis D’Amanda in memory of his grandfather ($500): Cary Joseph of Ithaca, Shadow Vase (wood-fired stoneware)

Elmer Louis Award, given in memory of Mr. Louis by his family ($600): Ben Altman of Danby, Auschwitz II–Birkenau Death Camp, O wí cim, Poland (archival injet print)

Ronan Christopher Louis Award, given in memory of Ronan Christopher Louis (2010–2013) by his family ($500): Lanna Pejovic of Honeoye Falls, The Listener II (oil on canvas)

Oxford Gallery Award ($500): Christine Sullivan of Elmira, Finger Lakes Geomorphology (oil on linen)

Rochester Contemporary Art Center Award ($500): Alejandro Gutiérrez of Buffalo, The First Kiss (mixed media on cotton T-shirt)

DOCENT AWARD:
• Alice E. Koret/Docent Award, given in memory of Alice E. Koret by Dr. Sidney Koret, friends and family ($1,000): Trish Coonrod of Ithaca, Still Life with Starfruit, Blue Vase, and Teapot (oil on canvas)

POPULAR VOTE AWARD AWARD:
• Harris Popular Vote Award, given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Manville S. Harris ($500): Trish Coonrod of Ithaca, Still Life with Starfruit, Blue Vase, and Teapot (oil on canvas)

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