

spring will most certainly reappear ultimately. I imagine the tree branches will again offer shelter to birds nesting in its branches and squirrels too. Under all that snow, the hilltop must be a meadowy field of lush grass and wildflowers – life will again abound as the tree comes out of dormancy. Then, the shade of the lone tree offers rest to souls passing by and an opportunity for sitting a moment to appreciate the greatness of the surrounding. Yes, I will stand by this lone tree and give thanks...

My venture into viewing the 'WAS' Holiday 2022 Show is now over. Well rewarded for the time spent and much better off for taking in all the wonderful works of so many talented artists. This show is not to be missed. My pitiful photos herein (taken with my cellphone) are no substitute for seeing the real works in person. The show runs through December 14<sup>th</sup>, make it a point to have a long lingering viewing session to come up with your own opinion.

As I am leaving the great room and exiting the foyer where my first encounter occurred with the stunning 'Falina' pastel work, it struck me that I was possessed. Haunting? Yes, haunting. I will even say I am 'owned' by my visions of really great works of art seen here today. Thank you Williamsville Art Society artists; I can't wait to return and see who won awards.

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## WAS 2022 Holiday Show Winners

### Watercolor



Honorable Mention

Marilyn Drnevich

"Dandelion"



Honorable Mention

Deborah Wixson

“Akron Falls”



Third Place

Paulette M. Crooke

“Autumn Reflections”



Second Place

Aline Herion

“Rose of Sharon”



First Place

Paula Marie Borkowski

“Pink Peony”

## Oil



Honorable Mention

Mary Beth Orrange

“Castle at Sunset”



Honorable Mention  
Susan F Bradley  
"Desert Life"



Third Place  
Eileen Raderman  
"Resting"



Second Place  
Sandra Orlando Vanich  
"Opus"



First Place  
JoAnn Jarmuxz  
"American Tragedy—Survivors?"

### Acrylic



Honorable Mention  
Michael Todd Taylor  
"Smith Street Flowers"





Honorable Mention  
Vicki A Oliver  
"Life in Autumn"



Third Place  
Kim Gryckiewicz  
"Fall Still Life"



Second Place  
Susan Hohl  
"Glen Park Winter"



First Place  
Laura Wysocki  
"Arizona Memory"