

Barry County Artists Exhibition

Bridge Over the City

Karen Culver

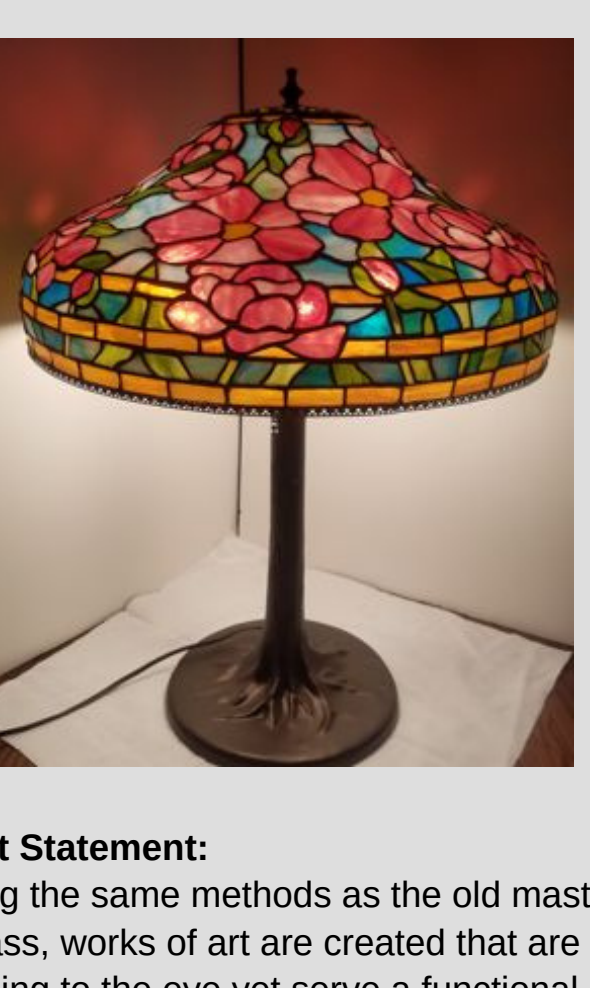


Artist Statement:

"I wanted to make a statement by projecting the graceful, gridded steel of the Blue Water Bridge in my photograph against the solid structures and confusion of an urban scene. I selected supporting digital elements, textures, colors, and brushes, thoughtfully placed each and then adjusted each by spacing, opacity and blend mode to achieve my vision."

Behind the Smiles

Evelyn Mix

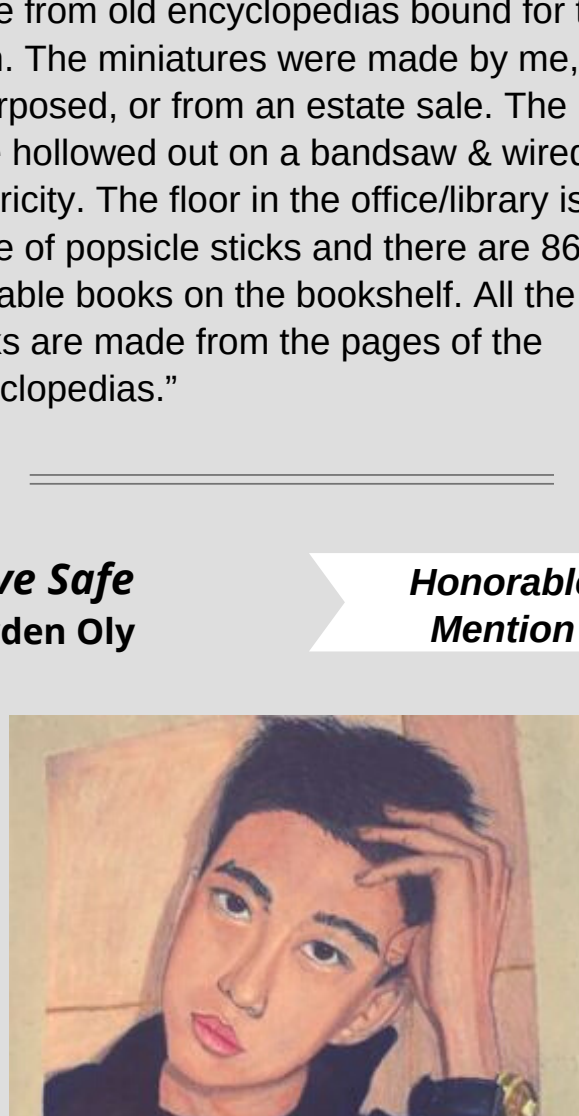


Artist Statement:

"Behind the Smiles is about the journey parents go through with a child diagnosed with Congenital Heart Disease/Defect. The Flowers are Mended Heart Lily(which is what we call the heart after surgery) and the Bleeding Heart Flower which represents the parents heart. 1 in 100 kids are diagnosed with CHD. The background has 100 words, 50 positive and 50 negative words to describe the CHD journey."

Peonies

Jennie DeWitt



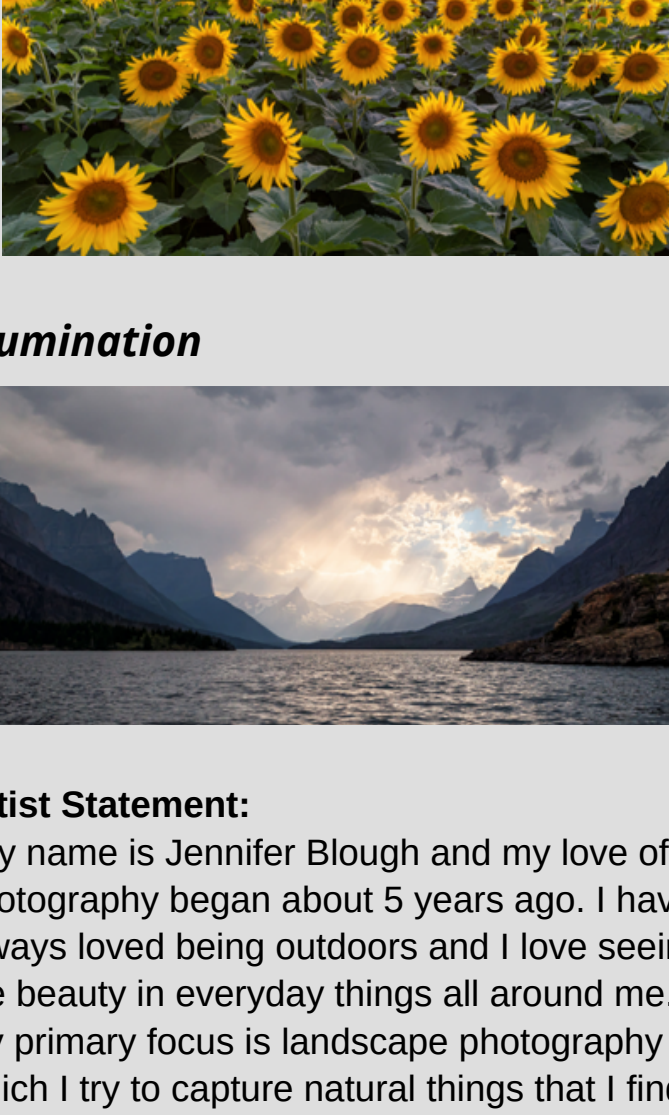
Artist Statement:

"Using the same methods as the old masters of glass, works of art are created that are both pleasing to the eye yet serve a functional purpose or perhaps even the start of a family heirloom. Striving for a different approach to light and color, the myriad of colors and textures are used to create "paintings with glass" which are pleasing to the eye and soul."

Bookville

Karen Heath

Honorable Mention



Artist Statement:

"My art is called "Rescue Art." This piece is made from old encyclopedias bound for the trash. The miniatures were made by me, repurposed, or from an estate sale. The books were hollowed out on a bandsaw & wired for electricity. The floor in the office/library is made of popsicle sticks and there are 86 readable books on the bookshelf. All the books are made from the pages of the encyclopedias."

Drive Safe

Hayden Oly

Honorable Mention

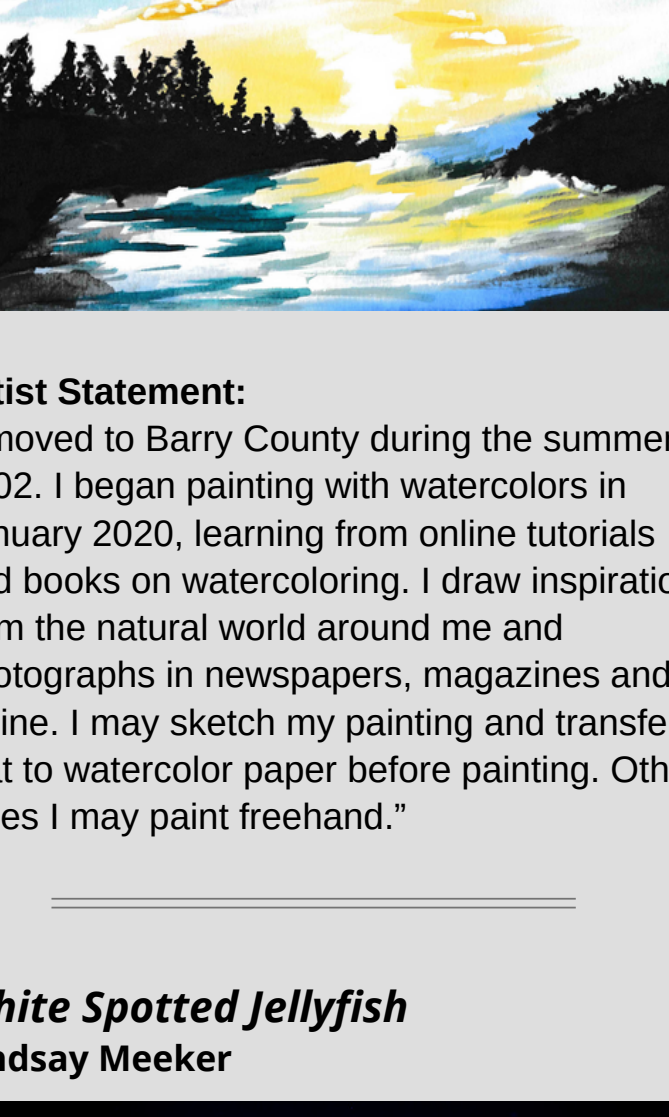


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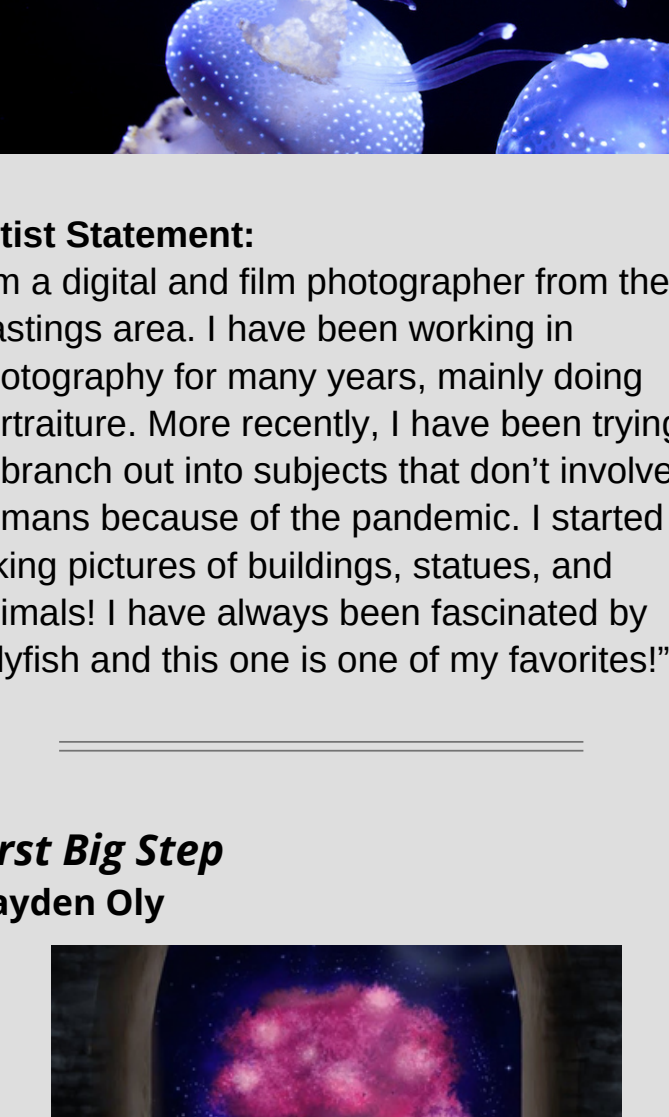
"My name is Hayden Oly and I am a junior at TKHS. I am a primarily self-taught artist with a particular interest in digital and hand-drawn art, and hope to pursue digital art in college. I enjoy working in the still life, nature and portraiture art, but also like to draw anime for fun. I really appreciate the host of this contest as it provides recognition and a chance to just present my art."

Field of Smiles

Jennifer Blough



Illumination



Artist Statement:

"My name is Jennifer Blough and my love of photography began about 5 years ago. I have always loved being outdoors and I love seeing the beauty in everyday things all around me. My primary focus is landscape photography in which I try to capture natural things that I find beautiful. I'm a photographer simply because it brings me joy to capture these small moments and we live in a beautiful world."

Los Cabos

Dave Boomer

Under the Sea

Artist Statement:

"Since covid wouldn't let us travel to our favorite places in 2020, I decided to bring my favorite places to my home."

Koi Pond

Jennie DeWitt

Hiker at Sunset

Annette Freid

Sunset Over Chippewa Harbor

Artist Statement:

"I moved to Barry County during the summer of 2002. I began painting with watercolors in January 2020, learning from online tutorials and books on watercoloring. I draw inspiration from the natural world around me and photographs in newspapers, magazines and online. I may sketch my painting and transfer that to watercolor paper before painting. Other times I may paint freehand."

White Spotted Jellyfish

Lindsay Meeker

Artist Statement:

"I'm a digital and film photographer from the Hastings area. I have been working in photography for many years, mainly doing portraiture. More recently, I have been trying to branch out into subjects that don't involve humans because of the pandemic. I started taking pictures of buildings, statues, and animals! I have always been fascinated by jellyfish and this one is one of my favorites!"

First Big Step

Hayden Oly

