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### Necessary Invention

Necessity is the mother of invention but sometimes what we need just shows the sad state of some human beings. The whole home alarm business shouldn't be necessary but it is a huge business. Why can't people just stay out of a home they don't have any right to be in? Last week I got a flyer from a control manufacturer I deal with about a new improved alarm system that is attached to the outdoor unit of an air conditioner. As scrap prices have risen, some people have seen fit to steal the outdoor units from churches, businesses and even residences. First of all this releases all of the refrigerant into the atmosphere which according to the government is very harmful and then it costs thousands of dollars to replace the unit. Having cameras or a home alarm doesn't do much good because the cameras are never set to cover those kind of areas and nothing happening on the exterior will set off the alarm. This new product is very innovative for a few reasons. It has a locked control box that is mounted on the wall near the unit and it has several sensors to monitor the system. The most interesting one is the one that monitors the pressure inside the system. That is a sure fire way to know when someone cut the pipes. There are also other sensors including one inside the control box that will set off the alarm if it is tampered with. It has battery backup and ties into the alarm system of the home or business to set off an instant call to the alarm company at the same time the siren is going off in the control box. If the wires are cut, the alarm goes off. It is unlikely that a thief could or would complete the theft with that amount of noise and the knowledge that the police may be on the way. The best part about this system is that it might function as a deterrent so someone would not choose to proceed with the vandalism at this address. It is another added cost for property owners who want to protect their property. Having the option is better than being vulnerable to theft. Especially for places like churches where for much of the week the building is unoccupied. Insurance does not cover this kind of damage and it falls back on the owner, as usual, to repair the system. A small investment might keep one more area safe from those who prey on others.

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## Pocono Arts Council Announces Winners of Annual Members' Exhibition 2021

By Susan Randall, Executive Director

Stroudsburg, PA – The Pocono Arts Council is pleased to present the annual Members' Exhibition 2021 to be held at 701 Main Street, Suite 402 in Stroudsburg, May 15 – June 18, 2021. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday 10 AM – 4 PM or by appointment, and during the final First Saturday Art Walk event in downtown Stroudsburg on June 5th from 6-8 PM. Held annually, this celebration of members' creativity is a Pocono Arts Council tradition. This year, 72 member artists participated, competing for awards in eight categories. Jurors for the show were Sharon Cosgrove, an award-winning artist based in Wilkes-Barre; Earl Lehman, rostered teaching artist in the state of PA since 1982 and artist in residence in schools and community settings; and Joshua Miller, who teaches at Kutztown University and has recently exhibited interactive installations in the Agrikultura exhibition in Malmo Sweden, the InLight festival in Richmond Virginia, and in a solo show in Allentown Pennsylvania.

Best of Show and First, Second and Third place awards were awarded. In addition to the Community Gallery, a "virtual gallery" will be available for viewing here: <https://www.poconoarts.org/gallery/>

Congratulations to the following winners:

### BEST OF SHOW

Three Sunflowers, Bev Abel, Cresco, PA (photo attached)

### OILS

First: Coneflower, Michelle Christopher, Kingston, PA; Second: Copper Pail, Donna Kalleser, East Stroudsburg, PA; Third: Riding in My Woodie, Jill Swersie, Scotrun, PA.

### ACRYLICS

First: Alone Together, Nicole Steacy, Brooklyn, NY; Second: Just About Sunset, Kathleen Luiz, Tobyhanna, PA; Third: View From A Loved One's Hospital Room, Leslie McAllister, Stroudsburg, PA.

### WATERCOLOR

First: Hello, Lurene Nakielny, Newfoundland, PA; Second: Pocono Pansy, Joyce Love, Tannersville, PA.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Empty Chair, Lois Silver Zini, Stroudsburg, PA (photo attached); Second: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Benedetto Marino, East Stroudsburg, PA; Third: Floral Ballerina, Eric Goins, Tobyhanna, PA.

### MIXED MEDIA

First: Open Threads, Doug Gilbert, Stroudsburg, PA; Second: Aerospaceal 13, Robert Miller, Palmerton, PA; Third: Ataraxis, Kym Fetsko, Dunmore, PA (photo attached)

### FINE CRAFTS

First: Relentless Time, Lenore Fiore-Mills, Dunmore, PA; Second: Rustic Birdhouse, Jody Fry, Stroudsburg, PA; Third: Pick A Star Sampler, Tracy Granger, East Stroudsburg, PA.

### 3D WORKS, SCULPTURE & NON FUNCTIONAL

First: The Place Beyond the Pale, Sean Turrell, Stroudsburg, PA; Second: Male Bust, Donna McCartney, Delaware Water Gap, PA; Third: Free to Be, Jody Singer, Reeders, PA.

### WORKS ON PAPER

First: Ship of Glory, Stephen Barnwell, Shawnee-On-Delaware, PA; Second: Summer Rainbow, Alice Prall, Brodheads ville, PA; Third: I Pledge Allegiance, Mark Ciocca, Old Forge, PA,.

For further information on becoming a member of the Pocono Arts Council, call 570-476-4460 or visit [www.poconoarts.org](http://www.poconoarts.org).




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