

FEATURED IMAGES

Cover - left to right: Brandon Smith, *Phenomenal B-Ray* | Chloe Flanigan, *Scavenger* |
Rebecca Mueller Williams, *Justified*
Below: Brandon Smith, *Figment*

THE EXHIBITION

The Shrode Fine Art and Craft Competition and Exhibition is an annual exhibit open to all artists 18 years of age and older living in southern Illinois, south of Interstate 70, including Charleston, IL. Artists may enter a variety of media including painting, drawing, printmaking, clay, fiber, mixed media, wood, fine jewelry, metal, and sculpture. This year 155 works of art were submitted for judging. 41 works were chosen by judge Michael Terra for the 2024 exhibition. Eight prestigious awards were given to Best of Show, Best of 2-Dimensional, Best of 3-Dimensional, 2 Honorable Mention certificates, and 4 merit certificates.

ABOUT THE JUDGE

Michael Terra has been a working artist since 1975 in one media or another. Early in his career he was a large format oil painter and over the last 49 years has worked in a snack-pack of different media. He has taught workshops at various Universities, arts organizations, and in school systems around the country. In the last 25 years he has worked primarily in clay and language, combining the two into unique sculptures that have found their way into thousands of homes and institutions.

His current studio practice includes public art sculptures, digital painting, poetry and ceramics. He is also active in Social Justice and is well known regionally for the Empty Bowls Project in Paducah (which addresses food insecurity issues in the communities) and for UNESCO involvement internationally.

Michael works with his wife and business partner, Victoria, in Paducah, KY under the careful supervision of 4 cats.



Shrode Fine Art & Craft
Competition Exhibition

ART CHAT
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 3 PM

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SHRODE Fine Art & Craft COMPETITION & EXHIBIT



February 25 - April 28, 2024

Regenhardt Gallery at Shrode Art Center

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMPETITION JUDGE:

First of all a 'thank you' to everyone involved in pulling this show together!

I know that each and every artist that has submitted to this process has put uncounted hours toward this moment (and their collective partners and families have too). I know the staff and leadership at Cedarhurst has annually maintained this legacy- showcasing the regional brilliance that otherwise might be invisible to the general public. With this in mind I really appreciated spending quality time with each and every one of these works and the decision was not easy... good work y'all!

So... what goes into the process of judging work for a show like this? What makes the 'most worthy' submission? I look for three basic components:

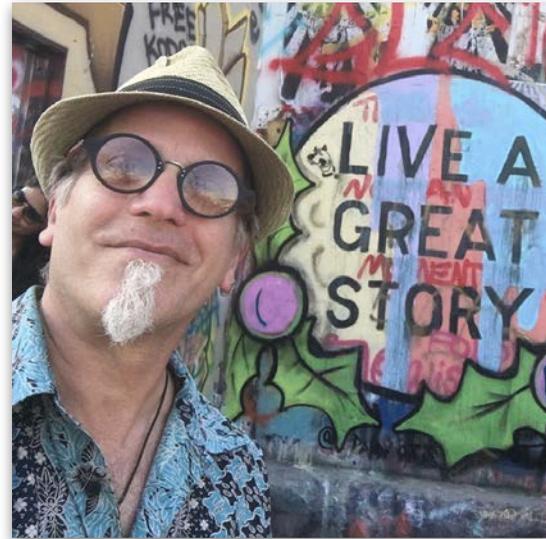
~ Mastery of Craft (*does the artist handle the materials with a level of expertise and maturity?*)

~ Originality of Voice (*is the artist creating from their own experience or echoing something else?*)

~ Successful Storytelling, (*have they created something that communicates and involves the audience?*)

Every artwork in this show has all of these qualities and, as a result, assigning the final awards became very difficult.

Please enjoy the work (as much as I did) and take enough time to let the story come to you... you won't regret it!



Blessings abound,

Michael Terra

Michael Terra - Terra Cottage Studios
2024 Shrode Fine Art & Craft Competition Judge

2023 Shrode Fine Art & Craft Competition Exhibit

Katrina Bauer | Mt. Vernon | *Parade Day*

Eldon Benz | Carbondale | *Caps, Red Splat on Yellow / Balanced Series*

Eldon Benz | Carbondale | *Double Blue and Yellow / Balanced Series*

Janet G. Bixler | Eldorado | *Bloody Sunday Afternoon - Mexico City*

Martha Briana | Carbondale | *Mannequin One*

Bradley Bullock | Carbondale | *The Hurt Business*

Sarah Capps | Belle Rive | *One Frosty Morning*

Luca Cruzat | Carbondale | *Amigas*

Luca Cruzat | Carbondale | *Breakdancer*

Mark Donham | Brookport | *Conflict*

Mark Donham | Brookport | *He's Riding Away! Let Him Go*

Gabe Drueke | Smithton | *American Standard*

Yahri Edmond | Carbondale | *Contrast of Self: A Chiaroscuro Self-Portrait*

Joseph Emery | Vienna | *Dancing on the Moon with Mom*

Chloe Flanigan | Charleston | *Scavenger*

Chloe Flanigan | Charleston | *Welcome Home*

Jean Foster | Woodlawn | *Lilypads*

Val Fry | Marion | *Under the City*

Joshua Hewlett | Benton | *Carrion*

Sandi Kahl | Thompsonville | *Old Bus*

Jan Kappas | Charleston | *Rolling, Rolling, Rolling*

Beth Libbey | Carbondale | *Heavenly Wings*

Andy Mast | Belle Rive | *Eyes of Devotion*

Alison McMahon | Belleville | *Fledge*

Alison McMahon | Belleville | *Ugly Duckling*

Alex Paradowski | Granite City | *Leaning Torso*

Alex Paradowski | Granite City | *Lost in a Daydream*

Jane Rieso | Freeburg | *Ascending Toward the Sky*

Jane Rieso | Freeburg | *Maiden Flight*

Brandon Smith | Carmi | *Fade Away*

Brandon Smith | Carmi | *Figment*

Brandon Smith | Centralia | *Phenomenal B-Ray*

Beth Smout | Murphysboro | *Carved Leaf*

Gene Smout | Murphysboro | *Black Vase*

Madeline Steimle | Murphysboro | *Gestation III*

Madeline Steimle | Murphysboro | *Regrowth*

Madeline Steimle | Murphysboro | *Untitled*

Deanna Velhagen | Mt. Vernon | *Remington*

Rebecca Mueller Williams | Johnston City | *Justified*

Debbie Wilson | Mt. Vernon | *Purple Haze*

Josie Woodrome | Texico | *Piggy's Glasses*