







### JUROR'S STATEMENT:

I want to thank the sponsors of the 2023 Seven-State Biennial for inviting me to jury the exhibition. The submissions included so many strong works that selecting 56 pieces was a difficult task.

Another juror could have justifiably created a different exhibition. The abundance of rich submissions led to the reward of an exhibition balanced in materials, media and process. The task of elimination was painful. The final choices have one common denominator: inspirational communication between the piece and the viewer.

For some works, only the title hints at what the artist had in mind. Those are the best, leaving each viewer the freedom to enjoy the piece in a personal way. My role as juror was a delightful experience.

- Don Holladay

## SEVEN STATE BIENNIAL RESULTS

IST PLACE - \$2,500 Carolyn Farris for *Road to Old Camp Kickapoo* | p. 11

2ND PLACE - \$1,500 David Phelps for *Drifting* | p. 9

3RD PLACE - \$500 Carol Ann Armstrong for *Oklahoma Wonderland* | p. 8



#### DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

Welcome to the 2023 Seven-State Biennial Exhibition! As many of you know, the Biennial was canceled in 2021 because of the pandemic, and it's with great enthusiasm that I can say, "We're back!" This year's Biennial offers a fabulous mix of painting, photography, illustration, printmaking, textile, and sculpture.

Our juror for this event is Oklahoma artist Don Holladay of Norman. Don has masterfully curated a spectacular and diverse exhibition of 56 works of art that will have its opening in the Nesbitt Gallery at the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma on Saturday, Sept. 23.

After its close in Chickasha, the show will travel to our friends at the Museum of the Red River in Idabel, Oklahoma, where it will be on display Jan. 9, 2024, - March 17, 2024. A tour of this exhibit is also possible at the Charles B. Goddard Center after March 2024, if their renovations are completed by that time. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the 2023 Seven-State Biennial.

- Layne Thrift

# HONORABLE MENTIONS | \$100 EACH

Gentry Leach for *Pics or it didn't Happen* | p. 21

Dani Lewis for *Morning Coffee* | p. 13

Colleen Stiles for *Untitled* | p. 17

Elizabeth Richards for *Blue Skies* | p. 12

Joshua Cook for *Well Armed* | p. 14

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Purshased by the USAO Permanent Collection

David Phelps for *Coldspot* | p. 9

\*For those interested, more can be casted by the artist

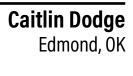
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Cultivation Acrylic, 24" x 36"

Viridian Acrylic, 24" x 24"



**Amanda Henslee** Durant, OK

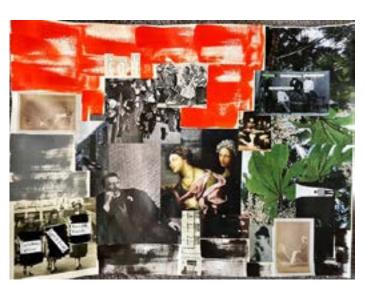




Spirit Horse . Wood veneer, 11.5" x 17"

**Gregg Standridge** Norman, OK

**Jay Laxton** Sulphur, OK



Longing Collage/mixed media, 24 x 18



Fractured Light Fused glass, 9" x 2"

Cross the Road Acrylic/mixed media, 24" x 36"



Untitled No. 1 Acrylic/mixed media, 36" x 24"



**Jennie Scarberry** Oklahoma City, OK

### **Madison Moody-Torres** Midwest City, OK



A Skin That Burns Acrylic washes on wood panel, 16" x 20"



Eagle Photography, 16" x 24"

### **Randy Watkins**

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### **Sarah Chavez** Wichita, KS



Ode to Plants #1 Oil on Canvas, 20" x 20"

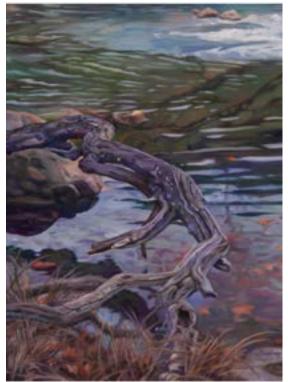


Sequence 16 Collagraph/mixed media, 18" x 24"

Adrienne Day Norman, OK

**Carol Ann Armstrong** Norman, OK

*Winter Water* Oil, 18" x 24"



Oklahoma Wonderland Oil, 30" x 24"



Drifting Bronze, 13" x 44" x 23"



Coldspot Bronze, 11" x 22" x 9"



**David Phelps** Oklahoma City, OK

**Rudy Ellis** Ardmore, OK



The Mirror Cracked from side to side Mixed media, 14" x 18"

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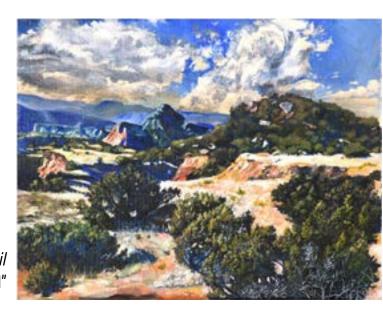
South of Anadarko Acrylic, 22" x 28"

**Tim Long** Mustang, OK

**April Dawes** Guthrie, OK



*Ignite* Oil on panel, 10" x 10"



*Lighthouse Trail* Acrylic, 14" x 11"

# **Bryan Bramblett** Alex, OK

Carolyn Caroline Farris Oklahoma City, OK



Road to Old Camp Kickapoo Acrylic/mixed media, 60" x 48"



*Rita's Place* Acrylic, 60" x 48"

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Should've Been A Cowgirl Oil on canvas, 16" x 20"



*The Long Way Home*Mixed media/embroidery on paper, 12" x 12"

**Clayton Beavers** Oklahoma City, OK

**Elizabeth Richards** Oklahoma City, OK



**Dani Lewis** Chickasha, OK



Blue Skies Quilt/cyanotype fabric, 16" x 20"



Morning Coffee Oil, 48" x 36"



Rotten Pears Acrylic, 20" x 16"



**Joshua Cook** Warr Acres, OK



Well Armed
Recycled materials, 40" x 36"



Night(mare) at the End of the Tunnel Recycled material, 27" x 17"



Lovebirds, Upper East
Oil/oil pastel/ink on canvas, 40" x 58"

**Kristina Salinas** 

San Antonio, TX

**Lauren Rucker** Oklahoma City, OK



OK State Rep[tile] Acrylic, 18" x 24"

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Self Portrait Oil on canvas, 20" x 24"



**Meli Salcido** Chickasha, OK



Sunset Boulevard Digital Illustration, 18" x 12"



Untitled Pen and ink on kraft paper, 21" x 27"



Po Paia Mixed media, 10" x 6" x 3"



Profound and Torrid Landscape Mixed media, 52" x 24" x 34"

**Colleen Stiles** Tulsa, OK



Red & Gold Oil, 16" x 11"





*The Boss* Oil, 8.5" x 16"



Posing Acrylic on panel, 24" x 18"



Balancing Independence and Togetherness Thread, foam board, watercolor paper, (2) 14" x 11" x 3/4"

Sage Edsall Yukon, OK

Sandy Sliger Ada, OK

**Sarah Robl** Owasso, OK

**Taylor Graham** Stillwater, OK



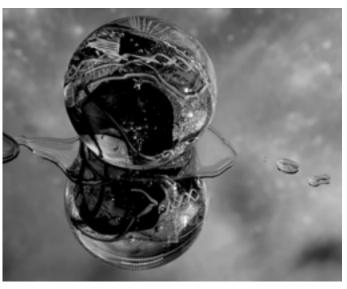
Eleven Mile #5 Pastel, 12" x 9"



Sticky
Watercolor, colored pencil, ink, 20" x 19.5"

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Pics or it didn't Happen Woodblock relief print/mixed media, 25" x 49"



GLOBAL MELT

Photography, 26" x 22"

L.A. Scott Ardmore, OK

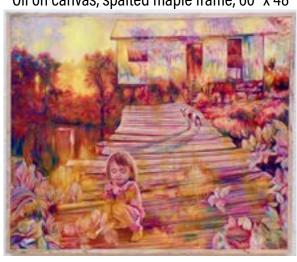
Austin & Marilyn Artus Oklahoma City, OK



Fitting into Myself



Damsel in Distress Oil on canvas, spalted maple frame, 60" x 48"



**Gentry Leach** Oklahoma City, OK

**Sharron Burris** Ardmore, OK



Its sure been a hard, hard winter... Composite photography, 30" x 20"

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Depression and Recovery Mixed media, 32" x 20"



Blowing Bubbles Photography, 30" x 20"



Moose Emerging Photography, 30" x 20"



Jumping for Joy India ink/mixed media block print, 50" x 39"



Transitioning Back to Nature II India ink/mixed media block print, 44" x 34"

### **Matthew McKellips** Oklahoma City, OK

**Sean Tyler** Broken Arrow, OK

### **Jennifer Hustis** Edmond, OK

### **Mark Hustis** Edmond, OK



Asleep in My Studio Acrylic on canvas, 36" x 24"



Sucker Hole Turned oak, sycamore, epoxy, copper, steel, turned bug oak, 11" x 11" x 13"



The Art of Drying Wood Turned sycamore with inlay turquiose, 12" x 9" x 6"

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