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Mixed Media 2010 Winners Announced



Mayor Ben Morris pictured with Ryan Ballard, winner Best of Show.

The winners of the City of Slidell's nineteenth annual *Mixed Media* juried exhibit were announced at the exhibit's opening reception, Friday, January 15, and awards were presented by Mayor Ben Morris. Taking top honors was "Shotgun Birdhouse," created by Ryan Ballard of New Orleans. Along with the Best of Show title for this piece came an award of \$300. The second place recipient, and winner of \$200, was Mary Anderson's "Turquoise Rocks." Anderson hails from Mandeville. Ned Hobgood of Slidell took home the third place award of \$100 for "Frying Pan (India)."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Dr. Bob of New Orleans for "Blue Cypress with Gator," Tanya Dischler of Mandeville for "Great Blue Heron," Daniell Hudson of Memphis, Tennessee, for "Self-Portrait: My Sanctuary," and Diane St. Germain of Slidell for "Transformation."

Dale Newkirk served as the juror for this exhibit and attended the opening reception. Newkirk is the Director of the Southeastern Contemporary Art Gallery and the SIMS Gallery on the Southeastern Louisiana University Campus where he also teaches sculpture. His artwork has been exhibited throughout the United States and abroad. Recent exhibitions include: 2009, *Fragile Bodies* at Northern Kentucky University, 2008, one – person show at Cole Pratt Gallery, New Orleans, 2008, Brunner Gallery Covington Louisiana, 2008, Southeastern Exhibition at Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama, 2007 Texas National Exhibition at Stephen F. Austin University, the 2006 Southeastern Exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama.



Mayor Ben Morris with artist Mary Anderson.

After judging entries, he stated, “The challenge in this type of art making is in getting the different materials to become a whole – to work together, play off of each other, to become more than different parts...I was impressed with the general level of craftsmanship of the artwork in the exhibition and the range of content.”

“We were honored to have our juror, Professor Newkirk, join us for the opening reception. His comments provided artists and guests with invaluable insight regarding his selection process,” added Kim Bergeron, Director of Cultural and Public Affairs.

This popular *Mixed Media* annual juried exhibit is open to artists in ten southeastern states. Each work must include a minimum of two media to be eligible for entry. This year a total of 58 entries were received from 24 artists from Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. A total of 35 works by 16 different artists were selected for the exhibit, with media including paints, pastels, clay, pen, paper, glass, wood, metals and fabrics and a wide assortment of other atypical media such as bark, soil, leaves, Styrofoam, recycled materials and doll parts. It’s a curious array of media that makes for a rather unique show.

The following works were accepted for the City of Slidell’s Mixed Media 2010 Exhibit:

Serenity in Blue
Turquoise Rocks
Mary Anderson, Mandeville

Self-Portrait with Dual Aspects
Shotgun Birdhouse
Ryan Ballard, New Orleans

Spirit Tower
You'll Go A Long Way Baby?
Trish Boucher, Slidell

Great Blue Heron
Mosquito Hawks
Tanya Dischler, Mandeville

Blue Cypress with Gator
Pecky Cypress
Shrine 114
Dr. Bob, New Orleans

Frying Pan (India)
Joan
Ned Hobgood, Slidell

Cabrini Bridge
Self-Portrait: My Sanctuary
Daniell Hudson, Memphis, Tennessee

Howlin' Wolf

Luchadores
Rondell Got Glasses
Becca Johnson, Savannah, Georgia

Sun Circles
Luz-Maria Lopez, Covington

Beauvoir Garden
Marilynn Masters, Waveland

Bird's Eye View
Egrets
Jeanie Osborne, Slidell

Drought
Emerging from the Mist
Pavillions
Barry Owen, Alexandria

Dressed in Brown
Half a Heart
Monument Table
Rose Marie Sand, Slidell

Beach Scene
Transformation
Diane St. Germain, Slidell

Inside Moving Out
Perch
Portions of Portions of Portions
Rachel White, Mandeville

Rigolet's Island
Helio Zavalza, Slidell

After viewing the exhibit, Mayor Ben Morris said, “Slidell continues to offer free opportunities for our citizens to experience local cultural events, improving our quality of life. The artworks on display here are excellent. I encourage all citizens to drop by the Slidell Cultural Center and see them first-hand.”



Mayor Ben Morris with artist Daniell Hudson.

Mixed Media is on display in the Slidell Cultural Center, located at 2055 Second Street, on the first floor of City Hall. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

This Louisiana Cultural District and Main Street event is presented by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the 2009 - 2010 Cultural Season sponsors, including *Living* magazine; *Louisiana Life* magazine; Northshore Broadcasting Lake 94.7; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Whitney National Bank; AT&T; CLECO; *Northshore Conifer*; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Comfort Inn & Suites; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East

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Mayor Ben Morris with Ned Hobgood.

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For more information about *Mixed Media*, please call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the website at www.slidell.la.us.

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