

SLIDELL ART LEAGUE

ARTIST OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

revised June 2010

Artist of the Month (AOM) competitions are held at the General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month. Current SAL members may participate in the AOM competition by submitting one piece of work per meeting. Previous SAL award winning works are not eligible for entry into the AOM competition. Members choose at the beginning of the year, or upon initial entry to AOM, whether to compete in the Master Division or the Apprentice Division. This choice will remain for the duration of the fiscal year, July-June. Points are tallied each month and added to points awarded to show-winning pieces. Artist with the highest score at the end of the fiscal year will be awarded Artist of the Year. (See below for AOY guidelines.) The following are guidelines for submission into the AOM Competition:

- ❖ All work must be completed within 2 years from time of entry.
- ❖ 2-D artwork:
 - Not to exceed 50lbs
 - Glass or Plexiglas must cover all works on paper
 - All pieces must be framed and matted or gallery wrapped and suitable for gallery presentation. Gallery wrapped pieces must be painted on all sides.
 - Any work to be entered into AOM competition must be clean and dry
 - All work must be completely prepared for hanging with **picture hanging wire** securely attached. Absolutely no saw tooth hangers.
- ❖ 3-D artwork:
 - Cannot exceed 100lbs
 - Any pieces requiring assembly must be handled by the artist
- ❖ AOM pieces must be submitted no later than 6:45 p.m. on SAL scheduled meeting times.
- ❖ Votes are picked up and tallied at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ AOM is selected as follows:
 - Membership present will vote for their top two choices by placing their choices on the slips provided by SAL.
 - Each slip will have a “1.” and a “2.” on it.
 - Each “1.” vote receives 2 pts.
 - Each “2.” vote receives 1 pt.
 - **Votes are tallied and the artist having the highest total of votes shall be declared AOM – with subsequent high totals placing 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention. Award winning scores will be added to scoring spreadsheet and tallied as follows: 1st Place – 4 points; 2nd Place – 3 points; 3rd Place – 2 points; Honorable Mention – 1 point.**
 - A ballot/slip having only one vote marked on it will NOT be counted.
 - In the case of a tie, the artist w/the highest number of “1.” votes shall receive the higher placement.
 - If the number of “1.” votes is equal, a member of the board will draw out of a hat. The name picked out of the hat shall receive higher placement.
- ❖ Any piece entered into AOM competition may be entered into a SAL show if the artist so desires, however, award-winning artists must meet their obligation to local businesses with regard to the 30 day display. Standard fees apply. Those placing in the AOM competition must wait at least 30 days or until the following show to submit the same piece.
- ❖ A piece may not be taken down from the current show and submitted into AOM competition. We require that you wait a minimum of 30 days following a SAL exhibition where the piece has shown to enter that piece into AOM competition.
- ❖ **It is the responsibility of each winner to get their display card from the Gallery Coordinator and exhibit their winning entry at the assigned location no later than the 5th day of each month. Failure to do so will result in loss of points for that particular award, loss of awarded position and artist shall be prohibited from participating in AOM for 3 consecutive months.**
- ❖ **It is the responsibility of each winner to pick up their pieces from the assigned locations on the last day of the month. Failure to do so will result in loss of points, loss of awarded position and artist shall be prohibited from participating in AOM for 3 consecutive months.**
- ❖ Winners’ works will be displayed in the SAL Gallery after the meeting until the first of the month, after which artists must move their works from the gallery to the respective business location. AOM locations:
Masters:
 - 1st Place – City Hall – Olde Towne - 2nd & Bouscaren, Olde Towne Slidell
 - 2nd Place – St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch – 555 Robert Boulevard
 - 3rd Place – Slidell Memorial Hospital – Gause Boulevard
 - HM – Times Bar & Grill – Slidell Train Depot – 1827 Front StreetApprentice:
 - 1st Place – City Hall – 2nd & Bouscaren, Olde Towne Slidell
 - 2nd Place – Whitney National Bank – Olde Towne Slidell – 2065 First Street
 - 3rd Place – Times Bar & Grill – Slidell Train Depot – 1827 Front Street
 - HM - Barbara’s Victorian Closet – Olde Town Slidell – 124 Erlanger Street

SALT: Counter Culture

Artist of the Year

Artist of the Year (AOY) will be awarded in the Master Division, Apprentice Division, and the SAL Teen Division. AOY will be determined by the highest cumulative total score of the Artist of the Month competitions and score given for show winners. Artist of the Month scores will be tallied:

Artist of the Month Winning Award Points:

1 st Place	4
2 nd Place	3
3 rd Place	2
Honorable Mention	1

Show Winning Award Points:

Best in Show	5
1 st Place	4
2 nd Place	3
3 rd Place	2
Honorable Mention	1

At the end of the fiscal year (July - June), points are tallied from each AOM competition and Show Winning Awards. The artist having the highest cumulative total of points of AOM competitions and show awards will be declared the Slidell Art League *Artist of the Year* (AOY) for each division described above.

Artists of the Year host a show of their works at the SAL gallery. Shows have been held separately and collectively for each division, usually in August. Artists must check scheduling dates with the Executive Director. Usually this show time has been pre-determined.

Division of the gallery: The Master Artist of the Year will have first choice of use of half of the gallery space. The remaining half will be divided between the Apprentice and SAL Teen Artists of the Year. Artists may choose whether works will hang independently of each other, or mixed together throughout the gallery.

Postcard invitations are created in-house, so Artists of the Year must have a digital copy of their work emailed to the Executive Director no later than June 30th. As this will be part of the printed and email invitations, please choose a work that best represents your body of work.

The Slidell Art League will purchase 1000 invitation postcards and pay for bulk mail postage. Each Artist of the Year is responsible for addressing their invitation postcards and sorting cards by zip code. Addressed/sorted postcards must be delivered back to the SAL gallery 4 weeks prior to the AOY show date for bulk mailing. As bulk mailing rates are determined by the number mailed, all invitations must be mailed together. Please be prompt in returning the addressed/sorted invitations by the deadline date.

The opening reception is the responsibility of the artists. The league will provide \$50 toward the costs of food, drinks, plates, napkins, cups, plastic ware, etc. for a collective reception of all three artists. Artists of the Year wishing to have separate receptions will be responsible for all reception costs. Tables, tablecloths, chairs, and general gallery set up will be provided by the league.

Show Success Tip: Invite all your friends and family. Have prints of your works available for sale in different sizes. Call previous AOYs for their expertise. And most importantly, HAVE FUN!

2009-2010 Master: Richard Ray
2008-09 Ed Balcourt

Apprentice: Camella Dimitri
Jean Frondorf

SALT: Christopher Trosclair
Taylor Krulisky

Questions and/or concerns should be addressed to the Executive Director or Gallery Assistant.

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