

Local Art Society Honors ‘Freedom Train’ Artist – John Baker & ‘Master Artist’ – Judie Pufpaff

The Fine Arts League of Buffalo held its’ 66th Annual Members Juried Spring Show this Saturday, May 3rd at the River Art Gallery, 82 North Main St. in Tonawanda, NY. and presented special ‘Artiest (Lifetime Achievement) Awards’ to Two Incredible Local Artisans. The ‘Community Contributor Artiest Award’ was presented to Mr. John Baker for his Community Contribution of the now famous ‘Freedom Wall’, located on the corner of Michigan and East Ferry. The ‘Master Artist Artiest Award’ went to acclaimed visionary Ms. Judie Pufpaff for her lifetime of incredible artistic achievements.



John Baker - COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR:

The now famous ‘FREEDOM WALL’, a tribute to black history with “larger-than-life” portraits of significant contributors to our nation’s formation, has four very talented and passionate Western New York artists at its heart; John Baker, Julia Bottoms, Chuck Tingley and Edreys Wajed. This amazing edifice, stands proudly on the corner of Michigan and East Ferry streets, in Buffalo; where these four artists has given all in a ‘mural-of-faces’, to show us something truly stunning in art. The Buffalo Fine Arts League in our 66th year Spring Exhibition, today May 4th, will honor one of these strong, praiseworthy artists, with the ‘ARTIEST AWARD’... John Baker, congratulation for being recognized with the “Community Contributor – Artiest Award” ...And, thank you for your art; we salute you...



Judie Pufpaff - MASTER ARTIST:

“We honor and recognize a well-known and acclaimed artist, Judie Pufpaff, from the Williamsville Art Society today. Her impact to our community’s worth, by her outstanding ‘nature’ scenery/greenery works of art, is captivating. Judie’s art definitely brings-out “The Spirit Within...” a theme of her work, which is simple and serene; a calm, peaceful, and untroubled canvas that always takes ‘you...’ to her place of tranquility – a place where one can actually feel the stillness in brilliant color. And, if you look very carefully, sometimes you can see an image of an angel, hidden in that inner space; perhaps in a mist, a cloud or in a stance of trees... Please give a round of applause to the Fine Arts League recipient, of the May 4th 2019, ‘ARTIEST AWARD’... to Judie Pufpaff... “Master Artist”

Fine Arts League of Buffalo – ‘Artiest Awards’ History

The Fine Arts League, after 66 years of show presentations, has established a new special award; the FAL ARTIEST Award. The FAL Artiest Award is intended to give honor and recognition to Western New York artists, community contributors and special sponsors for their great involvement in our art community. To that end, the current FAL Artiest Award recipient’s, went to individuals who have graced Western New York with their works in two categories; Community Contributor and Master Artist. Past recipients include ‘Master Artist’ Mr. Donat Sadkowski, ‘Master Artist’ Mrs. Laura Wysocki, and ‘Grand Sponsor od Artist’ Allentown Art Festival, Inc.

Fine Arts League of Buffalo Mission

This Intergenerational and Regional Art Society has stood the test of time for over 66 years. The Fine Art League of Buffalo, Inc. was organized in 1953 and is dedicated to the appreciation and Promotion of realistic art. Over the years many of our Artists went on to become nationally and internationally reknown.

The League presents its' shows on a semi-annual basis in Spring and Fall at various galleries in Western New York.