



Harkness Rose, Susan K. Black, 1998, Watercolor Lender: James E. Parkman, Jr.

- -M. Stephen Doherty, Editor-in-Chief, American Artist Magazine
- Susan T. Fisher, Director, The Art Institute at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, and President, American Society of Botanical Artists
- James L. Johnson, Director and Distinguished Lecturer, Benz School of Floral Design and Benz Gallery of Floral Art, Texas A & M University
- Michael Maunder, Ph.D., Director, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, FL

a competition and exhibition designed to recognize, promote and reward excellence

in representational floral art, and enhance public awareness and appreciation.

Entries were reviewed by an eminently qualified panel of jurors including:

- Susan McGarry, Independent Curator and Author, Former Editor of Southwest Art Magazine
- Valerie Loupe Olsen, Associate Director of The Glassell School of Art, Curator of Exhibitions, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- Faye Moore, Resident Artist, National Arts Club, New York, NY; Member, Pastel Society of America
- Morten E. Solberg, Member, American Watercolor Society and Society of Animal Artists

In making their selections, jurors emphasized creative composition and design, competent technique and handling of media, overall strength of individual artworks, and ability to capture the essence of the floral subject. Jurors also awarded \$65,000 in cash awards for exceptional artworks. Artworks by the following artists were chosen from 1,742 entries by 970 artists representing fourteen countries worldwide:

Milly Acharya Dianne Aigaki Shin Young An Beth Avary Kenn Backhaus Mitch Baird Stacy Barter Ricardo Beaton Harry Breen Naomi Campbell Kim Carlton Celia Crampton Linda Daniels Jeanne DeHaan Melanie Fain Dennis Farris Catherine Giudicy Pria Graves Stephen K. Hackley Dirk Hagner

Ithaca, NY Minneapolis, MN West New York, NJ Boulder Creek, CA Robesonia, PA West Linn, OR Winter Park, FL Bronx, NY Champaign, IL Brooklyn, NY The Woodlands, TX Oxfordshire, UK Locust Grove, OK Milford, MI Boerne, TX Forth Worth, TX New Port Richey, FL Palo Alto, CA Richardson, TX San Juan Capistrano, CA

Caren E. Heine Mark Hemleben Jelu Iliov Kathy Jublou Jacqueline Kamin Jeffrey Larson Ara Leites Dana Levin Joan Lok Jeanne Mackenzie Ann Makuck Jane McCreary Dianne McElwain Anne T. McGrory Alix Mosieur B. B. Nelson Joy Nguyen Nancy Paće Paula Parks Annie Patterson

Ft. McMurray, AB, Canada Jerome, AZ Phoenix, AZ Norfolk, VA Newport Beach, CA Maple, WI Santa Cruz, CA Pawtucket, RI Columbia, MD LaPorte, CO Rockland, ME Tucson, AZ Cincinnati, OH Nashua, NH Lorane, OR Gray, ME Dallas, TX Laguna Hills, CA Shoreline, WA Surrey, UK

Woodward Payne Linda Petchnick Kyle Polzin Ruth Ray Scott B. Royston Amy Sadle Lizzie Sanders Wes Siegrist Grace S. Smith Sharon L. Sprung Lexi Sundell Soegito Sutiono Vivian Thierfelder Fred W. Thomas Jeannetta vanRaalte Elizabeth von Isser Soon Y. Warren Marc Whitney

Sherrie Wolf

Mill Valley, CA Enumclaw, WA Bellaire, TX Scottsville, VA Baltimore, MD Syracuse, NE Edinburgh, Scotland, UK Townsend, TN San Francisco, CA Brooklyn, NY Ennis, MT Jakarta, Indonesia Spruce Grove, AB, Canada Shoreline, WA Brooklyn, NY Oro Valley, AZ Fort Worth, TX San Clemente, CA Caroline Jones Winters Germantown, TN

Portland, OR

A fully illustrated color catalogue accompanies the exhibition and is available from the Susan Kathleen Black Foundation. Blossom Art of Flowers premiered at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and will travel to museums throughout the nation. For catalogue sales, and tour information and updates, visit: www.susankblackfoundation.org.