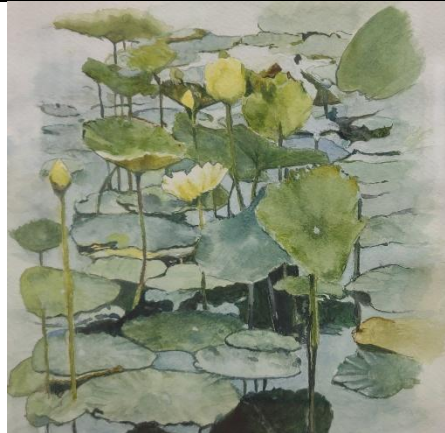
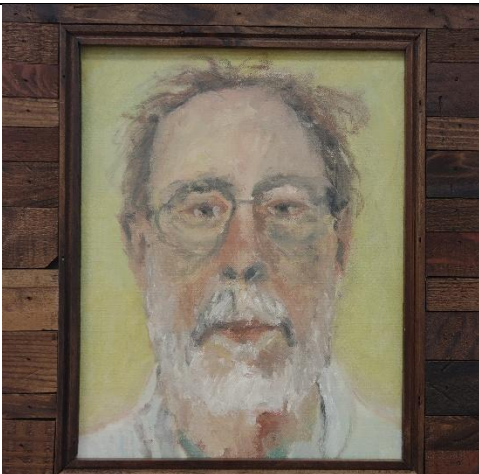


PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS:

People's Choice Award: Alicia Thomas <i>Bookwyrms</i> 3-Dimensional Media \$300		People's Choice Award: Holly Timberlake <i>Water Spirits</i> Watercolor Media NFS	
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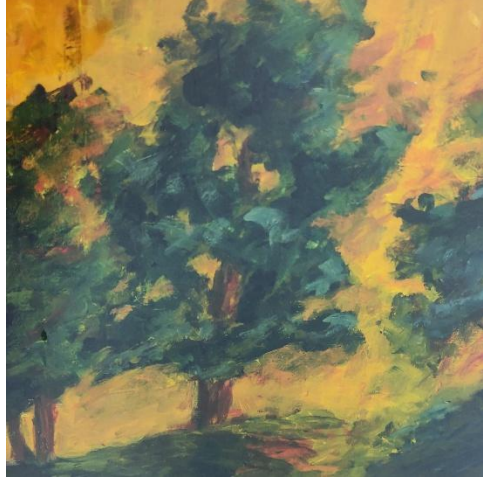
ARTISTIC EVOLUTION AWARD:

Artistic Evolution Award: Steve Fountain Awarded By: Jack Liberman Exhibited Piece: <i>Pandemic Me</i> Oil Based Media NFS	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> "Steve has been painting and improving for many years and has made his art portray his individual sensitivity and emotion to his portraits and landscapes." – Jack Liberman	
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Artistic Evolution Award: Jean Jencks Awarded By: Sally Heston Exhibited Piece: <i>Lunch for Gold Finches</i> Watercolor Media NFS	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “I have many students who paint very well, but it is rare that I can spend enough time with one and watch them develop exceptional painting skills like Jean has over the past few years. I am very proud of her ability to control the medium of watercolor. She is always willing to try something new and has a great eye for good composition and for what makes a painting extraordinary.” – Sally Heston	
Artistic Evolution Award: Steve Zakem Awarded By: Sally Heston Exhibited Piece: <i>Amsterdam Canal</i> Watercolor Media NFS	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “Of all my students, Steve has shown more growth in his painting style since first coming to CVAC a few years ago. He has become more confident in his technical abilities and is always willing to try something new. He is a fantastic photographer and utilizes his own photos as reference most of the time. For someone with very little experience in painting before coming to a class he has shown exceptional growth!” - Sally Heston	

Artistic Evolution Award: Lindsey Jeavons Awarded By: Mo Mosyjowski Exhibited Piece: <i>Green Apple With Leaves</i> Mixed Media NFS	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “Through her most recent piece, Lindsey demonstrates a notable evolution in her approach—balancing composition, looseness, and subject matter with confidence and clarity. This work reflects her artistic growth and emerging personal style.” – Mo Mosyjowski	
Artistic Evolution Award: Keith Wisdom Awarded By: Kit Palencar Exhibited Piece: Moment Mixed Media \$1,500	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “Keith Wisdom’s work has taken on many forms; detailed acrylic renderings, explosive abstract paintings, and more recently, sculptural work. The neat thing about this metamorphosis is that they all look like Keith, while some work may be clunky or fall flat, Keith’s ability to adapt, overcome, and execute grants him the artistic evolution award.” – Kit Palencar	

Artistic Evolution Award: Leah Kolesar Awarded By: Linda Hutchinson Exhibited Piece: <i>Fungus Among Us</i> Dry Media \$200	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “This piece shocked and surprised me! (In a great way) So delicate. So fine. So beautifully rendered. Leah listens, she paints freely, and is just as comfortable with a 4” brush. She sees non-objectively. The joy is in the creating. A joy to behold. Congratulations!” – Linda Hutchinson	
Artistic Evolution Award: Alicia Thomas Awarded By: Beth Lindenberger Exhibited Piece: <i>Bookwurm</i> 3-Dimensional Media \$300	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> “In her solution to the sculptural bookend project, Alicia shows her growth in making small, detailed forms by splitting a dragon- each side on either side of the framework. Her response to this project illustrates her growth in her work by pushing the limits on her delicate forms and getting her idea from conception to reality successfully through the process.” – Beth Lindenberger	

Artistic Evolution Award: Kay Bell Awarded By: Beth Lindenberger Exhibited Piece: <i>Owlet</i> 3-Dimensional Media NFS	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> "This piece of Kay's is in response to a project based on Picasso's Ceramics. A more advanced approach, Kay made several parts, combining the sections to create a reinterpretation of his influence on abstract forms- not a copy but a fresh form using Picasso's painting style." – Beth Lindenberger	
Artistic Evolution Award: Bill Smith Awarded By: Susan Mencini Exhibited Piece: <i>Day's Last Glow</i> Water Based Media \$125	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> "Will has kept pushing himself painting, not only in class but outside of it as well, by honing drawing skills. Will's comments during class critiques are helpful and encouraging. He is willing to try new mediums and surfaces, greatly answering the question, "What if?"" - Susan Mencini	
Artistic Evolution Award: Deb Zamanek, Bob Klein, Nancy Howell, Mike Hart Awarded By: Tom Balwin Exhibited Pieces:	<u>Faculty Comments:</u> "These four students have all been long-standing participants in the CVAC bird carving class experience. It is almost impossible to award just one of these artists for their artistic evolution, simply because they have all shown an equal desire to perfect and challenge their skills to always make the piece they are working on better than the last one they completed. They keep me on my toes as they continuously ask questions of technique and application beyond the normal curriculum of the presented class. These four	

artists are always pushing a little beyond their current understanding of this indigenous American art form. Instructors will always want students who are anxious to learn, and these four are a shining example. They are dedicated to their art and have, over the years, earned my total respect.”
- Tom Baldwin



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Nancy Howell
Tree Swallow



Mike Hart
Sunshine