



Craig Staufer's Juror Statement:

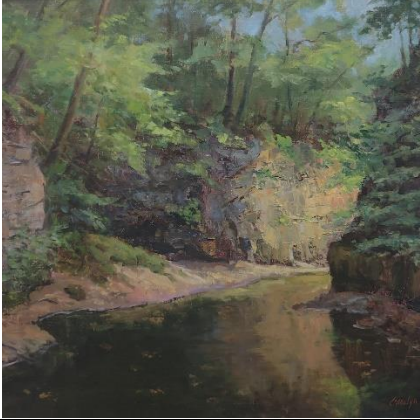

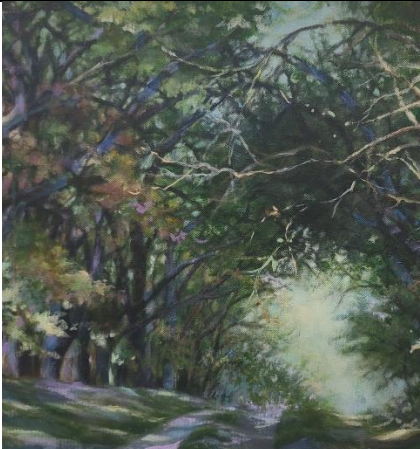
What a wealth of talent there is in the region surrounding the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center! When I started viewing the 199 entries to the Floral and Landscape Exhibition I was struck by the high level of skill and inspiration on display. Going through the process of eliminating over 60% of the works was painful as there were many, many fine pieces that couldn't be included.

This show is a joyful tribute to the diversity and imagination of creative individuals from around the region. It is wonderful to see such a wide array of artistic interpretations of our environment. The theme of floral and landscape has brought forth some emotional responses and original visions to the subject.

There can be no doubt that this is a popular show. I hope that the patrons, art lovers, and artists who view these works take the time to absorb the depth of feelings displayed on these walls. I hope you enjoy this show as much as I did.

- Craig Staufer (June 9, 2025)

<p>HONORABLE MENTION Kenneth Marunowski Valley View, OH <i>Wild Flower Garden</i> WATER BASED MEDIA \$900</p>	<p>“This painting is exploding with color. The flowers are at the peak of their bloom and the bold brushwork speaks to the wild abandon that personifies a flower garden. A strong painting. Well executed.” - Craig Staufer</p>	
<p>HONORABLE MENTION Roy Mowls Munroe Falls, OH <i>Memory Meyers Lake</i> WATER BASED MEDIA \$450</p>	<p>“What glorious color harmony is achieved in this painting! There are hints of reality and hints of movement. You can almost hear the calliope music and smell the cotton candy. What a fun painting.” - Craig Staufer</p>	

<p>THIRD PLACE Carolyn E. Lewis Cuyahoga Falls, OH <i>Blackhead Gorge</i> OIL BASED MEDIA \$800</p>	<p>“Where is my canoe? This painting compels the viewer to discover what’s around the bend. The warm colors pull your attention to the distant cliffs. All aspects of the composition draw your eye to the focal point; the curve in the stream. A masterful use of oil paints.” - Craig Staufer</p>		
<p>SECOND PLACE Jeanne L. Fashempour Medina, OH <i>Garden Blooms Series #109</i> MIXED MEDIA \$425</p>	<p>“The technique used on this piece has created a three-dimensional appearance. The delicate blossoms are expertly rendered, and the overall composition creates a place for the eye to dance all around the surface. It is as if your eye becomes a bee and you can fly into this collection of flowers.” - Craig Staufer</p>		
<p>FIRST PLACE Carol Klingel Wadsworth, OH <i>Just Traveling Through</i> OIL BASED MEDIA \$375</p>	<p>“The rendering and composition of this painting drew me in. It’s almost like a childhood memory of the magic of nature. No matter where the eye falls on this painting it is directed into the opening at the end of the pathway. I would love to stay on this path for a long time.” - Craig Staufer</p>		

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Rob Crombie

Twinsburg, OH

Blossoms

OIL BASED MEDIA

\$1,050

