



Carmel Arts & Design District

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2019 Carmel on Canvas Results



Congratulations to the 2019 Carmel on Canvas Plein Air Paint Out Professional Division Winners:
Left to right: Fourth Place Winner of \$1,000, Melinda Spear-Huff of Sheridan, IN; Third Place Winner of \$1,500, Mary Ann Davis of Indianapolis, IN; Carmel City Councilwoman and Emcee of event, Laura Campbell; Grand Prize/Best of Show Winner of \$3,000, David M. Seward of Zionsville, IN; Carmel on Canvas 2019 Judge, Shawn Krueger of Grand Rapids, MI; Second Place Winner of \$2,000, Spencer Meagher of Mount Vernon, IL

Artists from across the Midwest and beyond competed for more than \$11,500 in prize monies September 13-15

Carmel, IN – The sixth annual *Carmel on Canvas* plein air paint out was held Friday to Sunday, September 13-15. This open-air painting exhibition and competition took place on the sidewalks throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District and Midtown.

“*Carmel on Canvas* is an event that is perfectly aligned with our strategy of using the arts as an economic development tool. So many artists traveled to Carmel from across the Midwest and other parts of the country to create works of art using Carmel’s Arts & Design District and the new Midtown area as their inspiration. One of my favorite aspects of this event is that the artists interact with the public who are able to see the works of art created. Our hope is to grow this event to be the best plein air paint out in the country.” said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

The *Carmel on Canvas* plein air event hosted more than 70 highly acclaimed artists from the Midwest and beyond including Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Kentucky, Wisconsin and other

communities. The artists competed in a variety of plein air contests within the 3-day event. They registered in a division that matched their skill or age level; professional, non-professional, teen and children. Award winning artist Shawn Krueger, signature member of the American Tonalist Society and participant of many curated shows throughout the country, served as the judge, with all plein air prizes awarded at the public reception on Saturday night in the Arts & Design District.

David M. Seward from Zionsville, Indiana, took home the Grand Prize and said, "I enjoy the Carmel on Canvas paint out very much, as I have been to all of the competitions since it began 6 years ago. The City of Carmel continues to put on a top-notch event and the people that I come in contact with are very nice. Thanks to the judge, Shawn Krueger, the city and all the individuals who helped put this year's event together."

On Saturday morning, a Quick Paint took place at the Carmel Farmers Market at Center Green. The winners of this contest were selected by visitors to the market, which raised community awareness of the event overall.

An Art Fair concluded the weekend on Sunday afternoon, where artists displayed and sold their work to visitors. Artists displayed creations from the *Carmel on Canvas* event as well as pieces from their broader scope of work.

The awards for the 2019 *Carmel on Canvas* are as follows:

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION:

Grand Prize (\$3000)	David M. Seward	Zionsville, IN
2 nd Place (\$2000)	Spencer Meagher	Mount Vernon, IL
3 rd Place (\$1500)	Mary Ann Davis	Indianapolis, IN
4 th Place (\$1000)	Melinda Spear-Huff	Sheridan, IN
Merit Winner	RL Weber	Belvidere, IL
Merit Winner	Kyle Ragsdale	Indianapolis, IN
Merit Winner	Jamie Green	Quincy, IL
Merit Winner	Roy Boswell	Bargersville, IN
Merit Winner	Lesley Haflich	Noblesville, IN
Merit Winner	Larry Siwek	Quincy, IL
Merit Winner	Autumn Hunt	Carmel, IN
Merit Winner	Kathleen Gray Farling	Alliance, OH
Merit Winner	Anna Afshar	Fishers, IN
Merit Winner	Wendy Fleury	Union, KY

NON-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION:

1 st Place	Melanie Wissel	Carmel, IN
2 nd Place	Michael Sinon	Indianapolis, IN
3 rd Place	Sepideh Motevaselolhagh	Indianapolis, IN
Merit Winner	Brad Fields	Fishers, IN
Merit Winner	Karrie McCan	Carmel, IN

TEEN DIVISION:

1 st Place	Chloe Sun*	Carmel, IN
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2 nd Place	Sarah Firestone*	Carmel, IN
3 rd Place	Izzy Monger	Carmel, IN

*Also winners of \$100 Blick Art Materials Gift Certificate

CHILDREN'S DIVISION:

No Entries

QUICK PAINT:

1 st Place (Tie)	Anna Afshar	Indianapolis, IN
	Tammie Dickerson	Belton, MO
2 nd Place	Kyle Ragsdale	Indianapolis, IN
Child Merit	Polly Thompson	Cicero, IN

Thank you to sponsoring organizations for providing the prize money for this portion of the event.

PURCHASE AWARDS:

Bazbeaux Pizza (\$300)	Sherrie Thomas	Larsen, WI
The Carrie Holle Group – Highgarden Real Estate (\$250)	Cathy Bauder	Westfield, IN
Terry and Lezlie Heath Home (\$500)	Spencer Meagher	Mount Vernon, IL
Indiana Design Center (\$250)	RL Weber	Belvidere, IL
Scott Osborne Sculpture at Carmel-Clay Historical Society Depot (\$500)	Brad Fields	Fishers, IN

The Purchase Awards paintings have been presented to each business for display in their establishment. Please stop by the businesses to see the different winning paintings. Best of Show winners from previous years are displayed at All Things Carmel – 110 West Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032

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