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### **Three Carmel Artists Recognized at National Event**

**CARMEL, IN** – Jerry Points, Mary Johnston, and April Willy all received awards at the “Art Comes Alive” event held in Cincinnati, Ohio this weekend held at the Art Design Consultants Gallery. The annual fine art contest and exhibit celebrates the brightest and best national artists in a variety of categories.

Art Design Consultants Gallery owner Litsa Spanos said the entries for this year’s event exceeded 1500. The event showcased over 150 pieces in a wide variety of medias with only four Indiana artists among the mix. “It was quite an honor with the level of works we saw in all media,” said award winner and local gallery owner Jerry Points. Points took home several awards for his painting and was pleasantly surprised at the number of awards each Carmel artist received. Painters Mary Johnston and April Willy also won several awards each, including contracts with publishing companies, purchase awards and Emerging Artist of the Year won by Willy.

All three artists are local Carmel residents and showcase their work in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Artwork by Jerry Points and Mary Johnston can be found in their own galleries, Eye on Art Gallery and Mary Johnston Gallery, while April Willy has a studio located in the Indiana Design Center.