

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO CONGRATULATES ARTISTS
IN ANNUAL ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS JURIED ART SHOW
*20 Senior Citizens Receive Recognition for Their Artistic Talent***

Cedar Grove, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. congratulated 20 Essex County artists who received awards in the Annual Essex County Senior Citizens Juried Art Show. The artists were recognized during an awards ceremony on Thursday, September 13th in the Robert O’Toole Community Center in Essex County Cedar Grove Park in Cedar Grove.

“I congratulate the winners and all the artists who participated in this year’s Senior Art Show. The talent displayed by our senior artists is truly amazing and the artwork is inspiring,” DiVincenzo said. “Essex County has a thriving fine arts community and our Senior Art Show enables our older residents, both professionals and non-professionals, to display their original creations where the public can see them. This is an excellent event for us to promote the arts and inspire our residents to use their talents,” he added.

Artists, and the awards they received, are as follows:

Bloomfield

- Mary Howe received first place in the professional acrylic category for “Abstract Number 1.”
- Janis C. Lee received first place in the non-professional photography category for “Winter Daylight” and second place in the non-professional sculpture category for “Candle on the Green.”

Cedar Grove

- Jane Ballinger received first place in the professional watercolor category for “Blue Sky Approaching.”
- Richard Hanifan received first place in the non-professional drawing category for “Barn Hoops.”
- Raymond Kowalski received second place in the non-professional watercolor category for “Snug Harbor.”
- Roseann Martin received first place in the non-professional watercolor category for “The Early Bird.”
- Marie Matarazzo received second place in the non-professional drawing category for “Turkish Woman” and first place in the non-professional pastel category for “The Old Mill Stream.”

East Orange

- Lester James Johnson received second place in the professional sculpture category for “Quad Shape Sphere in a Gage.”

Fairfield

- Robert Szpila received first place in the professional photography category for “Henge.”

Irvington

- Cassandra Daniels received second place in the non-professional acrylic category for “A Matrix of Pussy Willows.”

Livingston

- Sheila Witt received first place in the non-professional oil category for “Abstract Garden.”

Maplewood

- Nila M. Pusin received first place in the non-professional sculpture category for “Saint Francis.”

Montclair

- Steadman D. Channer received first place in the professional oil category for “The Blue Vase.”
- Miriam Sampson received second place in the non-professional photography category for “Dancing Tulips in the Rain.”

Newark

- Juan Gueria received first place in the non-professional mixed media category for “Seclusion.”

Nutley

- Anthony J. Andolino, Sr. received first place in the non-professional acrylic category for “Watermill” and second place in the non-professional mixed media category for “Cable Car.”

Parsippany

- Chas Palminteri received first place in the professional sculpture category for “Nevel Tech.”

Roseland

- Evan Stuart Marshall received first place in the professional mixed media category for “Cosmos” and second place in the professional acrylic category for “The Shallows.”

South Orange

- Cindy Wolf received second place in the professional mixed media category for “Dream a Little Dream.”

West Caldwell

- Lynne Palmer received second place in the professional oil category for “Raoul Wallenberg Bridge” and second place in the professional watercolor category for “Guida’s Bowl.”

The Essex County Senior Art Show and Exhibit was open to all professional and non-professional artists ages 60 and older. Art work was judged on originality, composition, style, and quality and creativity. Seniors whose artwork was awarded first place are automatically entered into the NJ Senior Citizens Art Show, which will be on display at Meadow Lakes Senior Living, [300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor](#), from September 21st to October 25th. Viewing hours are Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Essex County Park System was created in 1895 and is the first county park system established in the United States. The Park System consists of more than 6,000 acres and has 23 parks, five reservations, an environmental center, a zoo, Treetop Adventure Course, ice skating rink, roller skating rink, three public golf courses, two miniature golf courses, golf driving range, three off-leash dog facilities, a castle and the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.