

## Community Sponsored Show 2022

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### Judge's Statement

I was honored to be asked to judge the 2022 Rowayton Arts Center Spring Show. I reviewed more than 90 pieces of artwork and they were all wonderful. When judging the artwork, I first looked for works that had the strongest technical skill. I believe that artistic skill is the most comparable and measurable aspect of art. Each work should have a strong composition that focuses the eye and keeps the viewers' attention; effective use of color palette; balance; values; etc. Essentially, I break it down in terms of the visual elements and by doing this it is easier to objectively evaluate what you are seeing. Secondly, art is an impactful medium and should evoke various emotions or make a statement... Hans Hofmann stated, "A work of art is a world in itself reflecting senses and emotions of the artist's world". Finding meaning or emotion in art opens up a whole new realm of enjoyment. Lastly, I looked for unique artwork – this relates to not only what the artist is depicting but also how the artist is depicting it. To me, the best art has meaning beyond just an image. (Self portrait here)



Regards,  
Felicity L. Kostakis

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