Winter Small Works Show 2026

Juror Statement



Writing this was much easier than making the selections! Art is so subjective, and I loved far more works than I could ever award prizes to. Jurying the *Winter Small Works* show was a real pleasure. Small works ask a lot of an artist: there's no room to hide, so every mark, color choice, and edge has to count, and so many artists rose to that challenge. I saw quiet landscapes that hold a whole season in a few square inches, bold abstracts that feel far bigger than their size, and intimate studies that pull you in close. I looked for work that felt confident and personal, pieces that rewarded a second look and made me want to live with them. Small works are often the first original piece someone brings home, and they fit into a life in a way larger works sometimes can't. Thank you to the Rowayton Arts Center for inviting me, and to every artist who shared their work. I hope visitors enjoy discovering these gems as much as I did, and that they all find their forever homes!

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