

# M Gallery of Fine Art SE LLC

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## Petite Salon Honors OPA Artists

This month at M Gallery of Fine Art SE, we are focusing our energy on a powerhouse of a Petite Salon, which will feature the work of numerous OPA winners and members. The Oil Painters of America (OPA) is a professional art organization that sponsors national shows in recognition and promotion of oil painters through the presentation of cash awards. The OPA also runs educational programs, demonstrations and paint-outs, as well as and sponsors two regional annual shows. It is more than just an organization—it represents a significant movement towards traditional oil painting that will impact the history of art in this country.

We are very proud to represent Master Signature Members Albert Handell and David Hettinger; Signature Members Dan Beck, Roger Dale Brown, Kenneth Cadwallader, Howard Friedland, Bryce Cameron Liston, Hodges Soileau, J. Ken Spencer, and William Schneider; and associate members Michael Lynn Adams, Kevin Beilfuss, Eli Cedrone, Richard Cooper, Cecelia Cox, Deborah Elmquist, Jeffrey Hargreaves, Justin Hess, Joseph Iantorno, Jacqueline Kamin, Stacy Kamin, Olga Krimon, Ryan Mellody, Kevin Menck, Richard Oversmith, Stewart Roper, David Simons, Robert Spooner, and Sadie Valeri

Of these artists, David Hettinger OPAM, Dan Beck OPA, Robert Spooner and William Schneider are winners. "Summer Breeze" by David Hettinger OPAM, won the Shirl Smithson Founders Award, "Lost in Thought" by William Schneider won the Presidents' Award of Excellence, and "Hammer and Iron" by Robert Spooner, won Figurative Honorable Mention. These three paintings will hang in the Petite Salon-Submission from OPA Exhibition.

Other paintings that will hang on the Petite Salon OPA "Winner's Wall" are Dan Beck's "Her Garden." Although Dan Beck OPA, won the Gold Medal Award for "A Warm Breeze," for which we wish him the warmest congratulations, this painting will not hang in the Petite Salon. He (understandably) loved the winning painting so much that he decided to keep it for himself.

Instead of "A Warm Breeze," M Gallery of Fine Art is pleased to exhibit his painting "Jessica in Blue."

Submissions were accepted into the competition by M Gallery artists Bryce Cameron Liston for "The Beguiling," J. Ken Spencer OPA for "Early Change," Justin Hess for "Composition with Oxidized Copper Bowl and Onions," Ryan Mellody for "July Serenade," and Deborah Elmquist for "Fruits of Life," and Cecelia Cox for "Old Enamel." All of six of these paintings will hang at M Gallery of Fine Art in the Petite Salon .

The Petite Salon –Submissions from OPA Exhibition at the M Gallery of Fine Art in Charleston South Carolina is impressive. Enter this room, and feast your eyes upon some of the finest oil painters in America, whose efforts have been recognized by a highly-respected national organization. We are so very proud to be a part of the making of history and of the success of such wonderful talents. Congratulations to all of the winners!

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