



Roll Call: Guild Hall's Artist Members Exhibition Top Honor Winners

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The days are dwindling to apply to Guild Hall's 78th Artists Members Exhibition. The non-jured and judged exhibition is a popular one for many reasons. For those living in The Hamptons and the East End, the exhibition helps launch the pre-season for art in The Hamptons. It's also a community-driven exhibition where many of the artists living and working on the East End turn out to support the show or to discover the artists who took wins from the judged show. Attending the Opening Reception is a great way to catch up with Hamptons and East End artists to discover what they've been up to over the long winter.

The Artists Members Exhibition provides a draw for artists for another reason: the Top Honors winner receives a solo show at [Guild Hall Museum](#) and joins a long line of noteworthy artists to become part of Hamptons art history. This year's Awards Judge is [Jiajia Fei](#), the Director of Digital for [The Jewish Museum](#). The exhibition itself will be held April 23 to June 4, 2016. An Opening Reception takes place on April 23, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m. with the exhibition and the winners both revealed.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for artists to exhibit their work in this long-standing exhibition which is viewed as kicking off the art season in the Hamptons," said Guild Hall Director/Chief Curator [Christina Mossaides Strassfield](#). "Every artist in our community is invited to join Guild Hall and participate with the potential of being awarded a solo exhibition."

Online and in-person registration [is still open](#). The [Online Registration](#) Deadline is April 15, 2016 at 3 p.m. Click [here](#) to register. In-person registration will be accepted during the artwork drop-off period on Friday, April 15, 2016 and Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 10 am. to 4 p.m. at Guild Hall. Every artist member who submits an entry will be included in the exhibition. Artists can become members of Guild Hall by clicking [here](#).

For fun, [Hamptons Art Hub](#) is taking a walk down Memory Lane to see some of the Top Honor winners of the Artists Members Exhibition. In this installment, we feature artist winners from the last five years. To see earlier winners from 2001 to 2012, click [here](#).

2015 - Pamela B. Topham

Pamela B. Topham won for her layered tapestry landscape *Northwest Harbor, Early Light*.

Northwest Harbor, Early Light was selected by Marla Prather, a curator in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Modern and Contemporary Art.



"Northwest Harbor, Early Light" by Pamela B Topham. Layered tapestry, silk and wool, 15 x 24 inches. Top Honors Winner. Photo by Pat Rogers.

2014 -William S. Heppenheimer

William S. Heppenheimer won for his abstract painting *Tablet K*.

Tablet K was selected by renowned art critic Robert Storr.



"Tablet K" by William S. Heppenheimer. Courtesy Guild Hall.

2013 - Stephanie Brody-Lederman

Stephanie Brody-Lederman won for her mixed media painting *Reading Plato*.

Reading Plato was selected by Elisabeth Sussman, Curator and Sondra Gilman Curator of Photography at the Whitney Museum of American Art. This was the second Top Honors win for Brody-Lederman and a first for the Artists Members Exhibition. Her work also won Top Honors in 2003, selected by Carolyn Lanchner, a former curator at MoMA (Museum of Modern Art).



"Reading Plato" by Stephanie Brody Lederman. Oil, acrylic, graphite, and wax on canvas, 20 x 16 inches.

2012 Top Honors - Mary Ellen Bartley

[Mary Ellen Bartley](#) won for her photograph *A Road Divided*.

A Road Divided was selected by Lilly Wei, independent curator, essayist and critic. Wei writes regularly for *Art in America*, *Art in America* and is a contributing editor at *ARTnews*.



“A Road Divided” by Mary Ellen Bartley.

2011 Top Honors - Christa Maiwald

[Christa Maiwald](#) won for her mixed media work *Latin Songbirds*.

Latin Songbirds was selected by Deborah Cullen, Ph.D., Director of Curatorial Programs at El Museo del Barrio, NY.



“Latin Songbirds” by Christa Maiwald

Click [here](#) to see winners from 2001 to 2012 of Guild Hall’s Artists Members Exhibition,

Guild Hall Artists Members Exhibition is the oldest non-juried museum exhibition on Long Island and one of the few non-juried exhibitions still held.

BASIC FACTS: The 78th Annual Guild Hall Artists Members Exhibition opens on April 23, 2016 with a reception from 4 – 6 p.m. It remains on view through June 4, 2016. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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