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Great Southern Art Award winners announced

The Great Southern Art Award winners were announced at an official opening last night at the Vancouver Arts Centre.

The winners were presented with their awards, and over 75 new works of art were exhibited to invited guests.

The judging panel was incredibly impressed with the high quality of the artworks submitted.

"We took a great deal of time and care choosing the winners because we appreciate how much love and effort goes into the work," judge Michelle Frantom said.

"We made selections based on three main criteria: idea, technique and the formal elements of the category the work was entered into. Sue, Indra and I specialise in different artistic fields and therefore represent a cross-section of opinions and creative disciplines, yet we were unanimous in our choice of the final winners."

The winners were as follows:

Career Development Award

Winner: Meleah Farrell, *Mistaken*

Highly Commended: Samantha Dennison, *Still Life with Lemons*

Annette Davis, *A Walk at Two People's Bay*

Painting Award

Winner: Serena McLauchlan, *Ochre*

Highly Commended: Keren Campbell, *Knock and the Door will be Opened*

3-Dimensional Award

Winner: Sue Noakes, *Memories*

Highly Commended: Lynley Campbell, *Book Play*

Works on Paper Award

Winner: Jayne Revell, *Susan*

Highly Commended: Jennifer Dul, *Old Fashion Roses (Mutabilis)*

Photo Media Award

Winner: Barbara Madden, *Keeping an Eye on Betty's*

Highly Commended: Rebecca Dixon, *Elemental*

Carol Duncan, *Follow the Leader*

The City of Albany congratulates all the winners on their great achievement.

Winner of the Career Development award Meleah Farrell will also receive support for a solo exhibition at the VAC or a residency at Mary Thompson House in addition to her monetary prize.

"Despite its apparent simplicity, this is a highly sophisticated and poetic work," the judges said.

"We feel that this artist would benefit from the career development opportunity offered by the City of Albany."

The Great Southern Art Award will be open for viewing at the Vancouver Arts Centre from April 18 to May 18.

The exhibition will be open from 9-4pm on weekdays and 10-3pm on weekends and public holidays.

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