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Redwood Art Association Awards \$2300 in Prizes at it's Fall Exhibition

EUREKA – The Best of Show Award (\$500) was given to “Interrogator,” a three dimensional work made of recycled aluminum, steel and stainless steel by Fortuna artist Eric Furman.

“This piece engaged me!” explains exhibition judge Claudia Chapline. “I was attracted to it initially because of its use of material. In addition to craftsmanship, it combines shapes, colors and textures of metal and appeals on a sensual level to the eye and the hand to engage you with what the artist is about.”

“Why is the artist doing this? What ideas are being evoked here?” continues Chapline. “There are these vulnerable circular shapes and intrusive, threatening points. Both alluring and repelling, you want to walk away from the coldness and hardness of the piece.”

“This sculpture speaks to what is happening in our world at this time. It is industrial, corporate and menacing. It depicts the pressure to destroy wholeness. It is what we all face as we leave the comfort of the woods, going into the city.”

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Best of Show Photography Award (\$250) was claimed by Arcata artist Jeff Craig with his untitled digital photograph. “There are so many excellent photographs in this exhibit.” says Chapline. “This photograph was particularly appealing with its contrast of texture and structure. Because photography is about light, this photographer must have waited a long time to get exactly the right light in the desert to capture the mood and sharpness of the image.”

Other awards go to Derek Bond, Diane Elizabeth Caudillo, Rick Evans, Bob Frye, Murline Georgeson, Ellen Golla, Amy Granfield, Jean Hawkins, Mimi LaPlant, Linda Mitchell, Mary E Moore, A J Paul, Leslie Reid, Karen Sullivan, Diane Williams and Linda Wise.

From Stinson Beach, exhibition judge Claudia Chapline received a Lifetime Achievement Award this year from the Northern California Chapter of the Women’s Caucus for Art. As an international artist, writer and curator of the arts, her work and presentation of other California artists have enriched the California art scene for over four decades. Recycling junk into art is a strong component of her visual work. Her paintings and sculptures have been exhibited throughout the US, in Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia in hundreds of exhibitions.

“I had expected a lot of paintings of redwood trees and was surprised to see a much wider variety of work,” comments Chapline about the exhibition. “I was inspired by the quality of sculpture and photography that was submitted. And the exhibit covers the range of emotions from crying to laughing.”

The exhibition is located at 424 Third Street in Eureka. The show runs through October 28, noon – 5pm, Tuesday - Sunday. An Arts Alive Reception will be held on Saturday, October 7th and will include an awards ceremony scheduled for 7pm.

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