Education: Online Collection

Highlights from the Permanent Collection of the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University:

Joseph Podlesnik
American

Joseph Podlesnik currently resides in Phoenix, Arizona while actively exhibiting his work nationally, internationally, and working in various capacities in multiple educational institutions.

He is currently Visual Arts Adjunct Faculty at Stockton University in New Jersey and is Facilitator for the Digital Photography Cornell Certificate Program. He has also served as Lead Faculty, Associate Professor of Art Foundations for the Art Institute of Pittsburgh - Online Division. He received his MFA in drawing & painting from Cornell University.

Joseph Podlesnik is trained mainly in drawing and painting and it is this experience which seems to influence his approach to photography. For him, the camera lens depicts perspective too easily, which is why he captures and makes photographs which often frustrate readable perspectival space. For him, the photographic image is not only a window through which to see the visible world, but also a maker of flat surfaces which stunt or block logical space. He sees photography and pictures not only as documentation, but as commenting on or reenacting perception itself. As Podlesnik says, “If there is a ‘program’ to my photographic work, it is to use this media as an instrument of visual discovery, to make the familiar unfamiliar.”

Phoenix Auto Show received top honor of “Juror’s Choice” in our “RAW 2020: Juried Photography Exhibition.” Joseph Podlesnik’s artist statement focused on this particular work by clearly explaining his artistic intention, “Per the theme of this exhibition, I like to think that photography - in its generous way - can capture, record and retain visually some of feeling of a place and the aims of its inhabitants.” Podlesnik donated Phoenix Auto Show to the Noyes Museum of Art following the completion of the exhibition.

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