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Living

El Paso's best

ART



1st place

"My Treasure" by Aleksander Titovets



2nd place

"Home" by Earline W. Barnes

Prestigious annual exhibit opens today at Sunland Park Mall



Aleksander Titovets

Came to the United States from Russia in 1992. He has paintings in private collections around the world.

Earline W. Barnes

An artist for more than 20 years, she has won national awards.



Victor Powell

He has been a professional medical illustrator for five years.

Mauricio Mora

The Juárez-born painter favors Neo-Mexican expression.



By Paula Monarez Diaz

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Earline Barnes is thinking of retiring from the Sierra Medical Center's Annual El Paso Art Association Exhibit.

The Canutillo artist has been a winner at the annual exhibit for the past 10 years. This year she did it again.

Barnes walked away with second place for her "Home" painting.

"I want to give other people a chance," said the 68-year-old, who has been painting for more than 20 years. "A lot of my students are in the show. It's a great opportunity for any artist."

This weekend marks the beginning of "Un Jardin des Beaux Artes," the annual art exhibit by the El Paso Art Association and sponsored by Sierra Medical Center.

The exhibit, now in its 27th year, will be on display at the Sunland Park Mall, said Corinne Abeyta-Spinnler, exhibition chairwoman.

It begins today with a private preview and awards presentation and opens to the public Monday. The exhibit runs through Sept. 5.

"It is one of the biggest and most prestigious art exhibits in the region," Abeyta-Spinnler said. "It's our biggest event."

The competition is open to everyone. More than \$20,000 in prizes goes to local artists.

This year more than 50 artists from throughout the area submitted about 280 pieces of art, including oil, acrylic and water paintings, photography and sculpture.

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Different Titovets wins top art prize

For the third year in a row, a Titovets has won the top award at the city's premier art competition. But this year it's Lyuba Titovets, not her husband, Aleksander, whose painting took the blue ribbon at the Sierra Providence Health Network's El Paso Art Association Arts International '96.

Lyuba's "Birds of Winter" (aquamedia) won the \$1,500 Hubbard Foundation's Best of Show award at the show, which opens to the public Monday, Aug. 5 at the downtown Norwest Bank, 221 N. Kansas.

The \$1,000 first place award went to L.B. Porter for "The Three Graces" (acrylic).

Aleksander Titovets won't go empty-handed. His oil painting, "The Day is Dying Down," won the \$500 second-place award. He won the top award in 1994 and 1995.

Third place (\$500) went to Sister Marquita Murquia's bronze sculpture, "Blessings."

The \$300 Art's Special Photographic Award goes to Ali Masoodi for "Madre e Hijo."

A total of 124 original paintings, photographs and sculptures by 70 area artists are featured in the show, which is open to the public during regular business hours at the bank.

An open house, featuring the exhibit, painting demonstrations and book signings, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the bank. At the open house, you can register to win a framed print of "My Treasure," the painting by Aleksander Titovets that won the Sierra Medical Center \$5,000 purchase prize in 1995. Parking is free in the Norwest Bank parking facility for the open house.

The jurors are Ron S. Riddick of Tucson and Cyrus Afsary of Scottsdale, Ariz. Awards and guaranteed purchases, by area businesses and collectors, total \$37,200.

Juror's recognition awards went to Jimmie Bemont, Corinne Abeyta-Spinnler, Ray Alvarado, Phyllis Groenewold, Patricia Kimak, Lelaroy Williams, Earline Barnes and Bernard Vetter.



Far left: "Birds of Winter," Lyuba Titovets, best of show. Left, "Madre e Hijo," Ali Masood, Art's Photographic Award. Below, "Three Graces," L.B. Porter, first place.



32nd Annual Sierra-Providence/El Paso Art Association Arts International

Artist earns best of show



Titovets



'Winter Sun'
Aleksander Titovets

Arts International winners

Joseph Bender Art & Antiques

- ▶ **Best of Show**, Aleksander Titovets, "Winter Sun."
- ▶ **First place**, Fred Chilton, "Colonia, Juarez."
- ▶ **Second place**, Cheryl Derrick, "After a Storm."
- ▶ **Third place**, Earline Barnes, "Spring Rain."

Jim's Photo Lab Photography Awards

- ▶ **First place**, Arturo Enriquez, "Duomo I."
- ▶ **Second place**, Mary Bream, "Weiner Gallery."
- ▶ **Third place**, Mary Bream, "Who are Ewe?"

Jurors' recognition awards

- ▶ **Basil Wolfe**, "It's Been a Long Trail."
- ▶ **Robert Dozal**, "Blue Tree."
- ▶ **L.B. Porter**, "Indian Summer."
- ▶ **Fred Chilton**, "Black Cat on Porch."
- ▶ **Bernard Vetter**, "Thunderbird Franklin Mountains."
- ▶ **Melinda Waring**, "Pink Onions."
- ▶ **Oween Rath**, "Bormes Park."
- ▶ **Neil Baker**, "Cottonwood Arazaida Canyon."
- ▶ **Karen Alvarado**, "Reflections."

33rd Arts International Private Preview

The artwork of 78 diverse artists went on exhibit for the 33rd annual Arts International Private Preview at the International Museum of Art.

The preview featured more than 155 works of art from El Paso, Las Cruces and Juarez.

The El Paso Art Association honored former Sierra Providence CEO L. Marcus Fry Jr. for his support and commitment to the artists of the El Paso region.

The event was sponsored by Sierra Providence Health Network, the El Paso Art Association and Wells Fargo Bank.



Bobby Morris



Irene Chavez (right) reads a dedication to L. Marcus Fry Jr. while Krystyna Robbins and Bob Adams listen.



Joseph Bender congratulates the exhibit's best of show recipient Fred Chilton for "A Quiet Moment."



Jill Parker, Robert Skimin and John Best



Kathleen and Fay Millett look over the list of exhibitors.



Cindy Hernandez, Steven Silver and Lynn Jacobson

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by Mark Lambie



Cheryl Kanobel and Ken and Jackie Lucius