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**RE: Stockade Art Show announces winners**

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**SCHENECTADY, NY** --- Robin Rosenthal's *The Things We Carry*, an oil montage of 8 women's purses surrounding an image of typical purse contents, won first prize in the 60<sup>th</sup> Stockade Art Show. Rosenthal, who paints out of her home studio in Niskayuna and Beekman Artists Studios in Saratoga Springs, was inspired by the book "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. In the book Mr. O'Brien writes about the Vietnam War, its aftermath, what the soldiers actually carried in their backpacks and the emotions they carried both during and after the war. "After reading the book, I was intrigued by what women carry in their pocketbooks both actual and emotional," said Rosenthal.

Second Prize was awarded to Katherine Mendel for her Kallitype photograph. Kate also took the James Gilliland/George Weinheimer Award presented by The Oakroom Artists. Oneonta sculptor Roxy Becofsky took third place. The "People's Choice Award," selected by ballot from the public, went to Jeffrey Bisailon, an artist from Patchogue, NY. Bisailon sold nine paintings as the result of the Stockade Art Show.

Honorable mention went to Barry Tinker, Sandra Gray (whose black & white photo also took first in the student division), Herold Gobmetrsky Marjorie Ward, Tony Murray, Mabel Leon, Bonnie White (whose folk art piece also took the Special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award selected by former Mayor Frank Duci), John Elliot, Susan Hale, Betty Bumgarner, Hana Panek, and Linda Biggers. Young artist Emma Boers took second in her division. Linda Kollar took the Ernest A.R. Cohen Award for the Best Depiction of the Stockade Neighborhood. Nancy Magnell was presented with the Nicholas J. Colangelo Award from the group of First Time Exhibitors.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockade Art Show reported a total of 106 artists, 41 of whom were new to the show. A free will collection for disaster aid in response to two separate flood incidents that occurred in the Stockade within ten days previous to the art show yielded over \$465. Over \$1500 in prizes were awarded to the artists.

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Photos: <http://giacalonephotos.wordpress.com/2011/09/10/a-stockade-flood-of-art-and-sunshine/> = please attribute it to David Giacalone and "[suns along the Mohawk](#)"

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