

Juror's Statement:

It was an honor to judge the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's **Color Celebration Exhibition**. I had the privilege and pleasure of looking at 406 pieces of art intently, which is a wonderful way to spend a week. I commend all the artists who submitted work for their professionalism and their willingness to make their art public.

Because of the theme of the exhibition, my first criterion in judging a piece was the artistic use of color. Some works were chosen because of the excellent use of color to convey a mood — from joyful, exuberant pieces to those with quiet serenity. I also looked for compelling contrast in color saturation, color temperature, and hue. A few pieces were selected because they were a celebration of one particular color, and others because of their artful presentation of the entire rainbow.

It was quite difficult to select only 100 pieces out of 406 — I had to make some very tough choices!

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