

EXPRESSIONS 2026 *AMERICA 250 AWARDS*

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Best in Show

Sponsored by Jackie Thornton
O Rusty Nuts, Greg Cooper

America 250 Award

Sponsored by Jackie Thornton
Covering History, Donald Towns

Lynwood Artists Award

Sponsored by Lynwood Artists
American History, Fred Motley

Student

Special Student Award

Sponsored by Piedmont Arts Guild in Memory
of Nancy Bryant and Helen Hensley
Big Red, Evan Abram Williams

First Place

Sponsored by Zachary Margrave
The House of Dissolution, Madison Cline

Second Place

Sponsored by Annette and Paul Huckfeldt
Viva La Raza, Ivan G. Torres

Third Place

Sponsored by Alicia and Bill Lantz
The Last Watch, Aubrey Spence

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by Annette and Paul Huckfeldt
Rain, Rain Go Away, Sarah Campbell

Drawing

First Place

Sponsored by Kathy and Hank Long
Come Out and Play, Genie Elgin

Second Place

Sponsored by Aesthetic and Family Dental
of Martinsville Inc.
Venus, Kaitlyn M. Gallop

Third Place

Sponsored by Linda Prillaman
A Brief Landing, Karen Sigmon

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by The Jeweler's Edge
Marching Script, Colby Cline

Photography

First Place

Sponsored by Toy and Joe Cobbe
Veterans Day, Kandice Drizake

Second Place

Sponsored by Gael and Smith Chaney
Blur Together, Rocky Wall

Third Place

Sponsored by Roslyn and Max Wingett
Sunbeams, Rick Dawson

Award of Distinction

Sponsored Ben Gravely
The Original Submarine, Artemisia Blankenship

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First Place

Sponsored by Sandra T. Ford
in Memory of James H. Ford
The Power of the Pen, Colby Cline

Second Place

Sponsored by Melody Margrave
Capybara Tea Jar and Tree Cup, Kristin Weldin

Third Place

Sponsored by Lee Anne and Frank Fuller
in Honor of Pam Allen
No Means No, Sir, Melanie Kendrick Holley

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by The Jeweler's Edge
A Fragile Democracy, Edna Whittier

Mixed Media

First Place

Sponsored by Rebecca and Mark Crabtree
Inevitable Ascension, Pippi Miller

Second Place

Sponsored by Carolyn Beale
America, Where Are You Now?, Mindy Wegener

Third Place

Sponsored by Imogene and Isadore Draper
Chopin Ballades, Scott Kitts

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by Ben Gravely
Redacted, Mercedes Fleagle

Oil & Acrylic

First Place

Sponsored by Marty Gardner
¿Dónde Está Mamá?, Jack Adkins

Second Place

Sponsored by Suzanne and Rusty Lacy
She's My Favorite, Michelle Bloomer

Third Place

Sponsored by Shar and Greg Peitz
Sunset Draper USA, Donna Koger

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by Annette and Paul Huckfeldt
Still Going Strong, Lou Pappas

Watercolor

First Place

Sponsored by Lucy and A.C. Wilson
Iris, Rosalynn Arnold

Second Place

Sponsored by Margie and Paul Eason
Patriot, Paula Melton

Third Place

Sponsored by Anne and Gene Madonia
in Memory of Betty Lou Pigg
Puzzle (Big Apple Mash), Rosalie Howell

Award of Distinction

Sponsored by Annette and Paul Huckfeldt
Singing at the Sink, Jane Carter Vaughan

Purchase Awards

Sponsored by Anonymous

Fancy Tail Goldfish, Shawn VanSickle
Civil Rights Monument, Richmond, VA,
John Ranson

Sponsored by Carolyn Baptist

Acquire a Choir, Ed Dolinger
Lake Superior, Kimberly Brugger
Fractured Liberty, Kelly Willard

Sponsored by Laura Bowles and Tom Laub in Honor of Shar Peitz

What, Naomi Hodge-Muse

Sponsored by Chris's Custom Framing

Moonrise, Gina Louthian-Stanley

Sponsored by Jackie Thornton

Sam – Mosaic Fish, Susan Biscay-Hopkins
Still Going Strong, Lou Pappas

Sponsored by Karen Eggelston

Scarlet Elf Cups, Kimberly Brugger
Solar Drift, Julie Palmour
Patriot, Paula Melton

Sponsored by Nancy and Henry Moore

Three Coves, Kelly Gravely-Mattox

Sponsored by Susan Critz

Summer, 250 Years Later, Ashley Ullstein