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# Woman Wins Art Exhibit

Leslie M. Nolan, a Herndon resident, received first place in the League of Reston Artists "Paint & Beyond," an annual judge fine arts exhibition, at the National Center Gallery of the U.S. Geological Survey. Nolan received \$150 for her painting, "Cruzan Rum."

Nolan created her painting after being inspired by a visit to a rum factory at St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands, and its animated and vivacious factory guide.

To bring out the exuberance of the rum experience, Nolan exaggerated a saucy, flirty pose with lots of dance movement for the lady.

She chose creamy white and stark black accents with bold brushwork to offset the overall tawny, molasses browns, which unify the painting. This technique gives the painting the look of the rich, dark, aged liquor, which has been produced in the West Indies since the 16th century.

The exhibition runs through Aug. 30 at the National Center Gallery of the U. S. Geological



"Cruzan Rum" by Leslie M. Nolan received first place in a recent exhibition with the League of Reston Artists.

Survey, located at 12201 Sunrise Valley in Reston. There is no cost to attend and it is open to the public.

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