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1st Place Award Winner from "Painting and Beyond"

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Anna Lippert (left), Gallery Director for the Center for the Arts of Greater Manassas/Prince William County, and the judge for the League of Reston Artists "Painting and Beyond" art exhibition at the National Center Gallery of the U.S.G.S., is pictured with this year's 1st Place Award winner Leslie M. Nolan. Ms. Nolan was awarded top honor for her work, "Cruzan Rum."

First place award winner "Cruzan Rum" was inspired by a visit to a rum factory at St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands, and its animated and vivacious factory guide. A native Cruzan (born on St. Croix), she had visitors climb high ladders and follow single file along rickety metal catwalks, revealing the huge, boiling vats of amber-colored, fermenting liquid enveloped in heady, yeasty perfume. 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 rich, dark, aged liquor which has been produced in the West Indies since the 16th century.

WHO: The League of Reston Artists (LRA) presents Paint & Beyond, its Annual Judged Fine Art Exhibition, at the National Center Gallery of the U. S. Geological Survey.

WHAT: Paint & Beyond features works of fine art by artists from the metro Washington, D.C. region. \$300 in award monies will be presented at the opening reception by this year's judge, Anna Lippert. This exhibition features 69 works of art by 39 artist members of the League of Reston Artists.

ABOUT THE JUDGE: ANNA LIPPERT Anna Lippert received her BFA in Commercial Art and Studio Painting from East Carolina University and will complete a graduate degree in Arts Management at George Mason University in August 2006. She is an out of control art enthusiast, loving, creating and promoting the arts. She has been gallery director at the Center for the Arts/Caton Merchant Family Gallery since its inception in 2002, and has enjoyed working at bringing the best in exhibits to our region, and to one of the most elegant galleries spaces to be seen in this area. At the Center for the Arts Anna has also been active in other developing programs - the Arts Education Program and as Outreach Coordinator for "Arts on the Go."

ANNA LIPPERT HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS: 1st Place - \$150 Prize - Leslie M. Nolan for "Cruzan Rum"

2nd Place - \$100 Prize - Kilch Brock for "Aubergines"

3rd Place - \$50 Prize - George Thigpen III for "Untitled"

Honorable Mention - Deborah Remmers for "Full of Life"

Honorable Mention - Victoria Roach Castillo for "Nocturne II"

WHEN: Paint & Beyond runs from August 1 - August 30. An opening reception will take place Thursday, August 17, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, in the main hallway of the National Center Gallery of the U. S. Geological Survey. This exhibition is free and open to the public.

WHERE: The National Center Gallery of the U. S. Geological Survey is located at 12201 Sunrise Valley, Reston, Virginia. For directions, see the LRA's website at <http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org>.

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