



Judy Lavoie Earns High Honors for Artwork

"This is a very very powerful piece," are the words used to describe Judy Lavoie's painting "Distress," an award winner among 50 paintings chosen for Tennessee Watercolor Society's 2021 Online Juried Exhibition.

Juror Cathy Hillegas said the Monroe County artist's painting "conveys emotion while still being somewhat open to interpretation." Nearly 200 entries by the state's best watercolor artists competed to be in this exhibit. "I created 'Distress' with symbolic images, for viewers to translate into their own meaning," stated Lavoie. "I'm delighted to have it recognized in this way."

Lavoie's mastery of different art media, subjects and techniques is now being showcased in several other regional and international exhibitions:

- Two of her finely detailed scratchboards, "Curious" and "How Sweet It Is," are currently featured in the 2021 Online Exhibition of the International Society of Scratchboard Artists.
- A large watercolor of a single poppy flower, titled "Remembrance," is among just 41 original artworks chosen from 484 entries for "Arts In The Airport," displayed at McGhee Tyson Airport in Alcoa now through October.
- Another of Lavoie's scratchboards, "Ruby-Throated Hummer," has been singled out from three she is showing in the Tellico Village Art Guild Spring Art Show. Kimberly Winkle, Director of the School of Art, Craft & Design at Tennessee Technological University, praised this painting's "intensity of colors which work perfectly with the subject," in her Gallery Talk for the show.



Judy Lavoie lives in Tellico Plains. You can learn more about these paintings and see more of Judy's fine art on her website: <https://judylavoieart.com>.

Judy Lavoie's paintings are displayed at Fuller's Frame Shop & Art Gallery in Athens. Her watercolors will be included in an Exhibition of the Eastern Tennessee Members of the Tennessee Watercolor Society, to be held at the Athens Art Center from July 5-August 20, 2021, with opening reception on July 16, 2021, at 5pm.