**NOAA 67th Annual Juried Exhibition hosted by KLAC Sept 2023**

**By Juror, John David Anderson**

**I appreciate being asked to participate in Jurying this years’ show.
Knowing effort, time and care, not to mention heart, that goes into the art making is not lost on me. As a working artist, I know and understand what that is all about.  Then, the courage to make it public is yet another step in that process. That, too is a huge achievement. To jury a show of just under 100 pieces and down to about 40 is challenging in person and even harder online. Some works show better in a photo than they do in life. Sometimes the bias of the photo process messes with the image. However, the choices we made seemed to stand up quite well. I found the first look through of the whole group had about a 1/3 that were not as strong as the other 2/3’s.
Finding the top group was not hard. Selecting the winners was not too bad at all. If you start with a positive about the work and then look at what aspects are holding it back. The effort and quality of effort was great. Learning to critique both one’s own work and the work of others well is the next step to producing growth.
I enjoyed being part off the process with Linda and all the others involved.

Kind regards,
John**