

**Elise D'Haene, "The Art Scene – Top Honors For Drew Shiflett,"  
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by Elise D'Haene

The coveted prize of a solo exhibit in Guild Hall's Spiga Gallery went to Drew Shiflett, who was tapped to receive the top honors by Jodi Hauptman in the 71st Annual Artist Members Exhibition.

Ms. Hauptman, a curator at the Museum of Modern Art, said of Ms. Shiflett's entry, "I was intrigued by the way the artist emphasized the material aspects of the work of art — the many mediums used, the handmade paper, and the actual putting together of the pieces."

The artist, who lives part time in East Hampton, had a solo exhibit last year at the Lesley Heller Gallery in New York City. She studied at the Hoffberger School of Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art and has had solo exhibits at several New York City galleries and at the Islip Art Museum.

Other winners include Claire Heimarck (best abstract), Frederick Paxton Werner (best representational work), Mary Ellen Bartley (best photograph), Christian Routh (best work on paper), Sally Richardson (best sculpture), and Dennis Leri (best mixed media). The \$250 Catherine and Theo Hios landscape award went to Jane Johnson. Honorable mentions were awarded Justin Peyser, John Hattleberg, Kryn Olson, Joan Semmel, Tulla Booth, Miriam Dougenis, and Grant Haffner.

The exhibition was organized by Michelle Klein, a curatorial assistant, and was supervised by Christina Mossaides Strassfield, the curator at Guild Hall. It can be seen through May 30.