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Greetings Canyon Lake Art Guilders! This is your show, and you are all winners if you love and express yourselves through ART! However, art shows, like the world, are competitive in order to encourage excellence. So I would like to offer artists the benefit of insight into my tiny, yet important role in judging your fine creations: Masterpieces are the result of “spontaneous genius” or the detailed attention of “old masters.” Having said that, “Spontaneous geniuses” are often 2nd graders, and can’t be faked by old-timers. I look for confidence in an artist’s strokes. Spending time. That is key. Out of several pieces, does one look like the hand of a teacher was involved because the artist’s style has changed? I love patterns, moods, and animation. Use your favorite colors in those landscapes. Hopefully, by giving you a bit of my mindset, I won’t be considered such a knucklehead, as judges often are! Great art is made by

INSPIRATION+MOTIVATION+DISCIPLINE+PRACTICE.

My critiques have been formed by experience, and from teaching everything I know. I have won awards by competing in juried art shows since the age of 12, over 50 years ago. I was awarded a National Scholastic Gold Key & Blue Ribbon by the time I left high school. Once I graduated from the University of Texas in Fine Art, I made a living as an illustrator, painter, cartoonist, muralist, weaver, photographer, art teacher, and newspaper production artist and reporter. Over the course of a few thousand art jobs and countless shows nationwide: ———competed nationally as a fiber artist, using Texas angora goat hair. My “Hairy Wallhangings” were exhibited in the National Textile Museum and one-woman shows; ———a lifetime of drawing, photography, and writing cemented years of abilities in the publishing industry inc. cartoonist & illustrator for traditional national publisher Harcourt’s Holt science textbooks, and children’s book illustrator for Island Heritage Publishing; ———painting proffered gallery shows and over 20 mural commissions inc. schools, shopping & medical centers, and Haleakala National Park, ———painted designs for Reyn Spooner’s exclusive Hawaiian shirts for the NFL. I

won Hilo Hatties' statewide Aloha Shirt design contest and my dragon design was their all time best seller. —was the art teacher at Hawaii's finest private (Hualalai) academy and a Hawaii State Certified Artistic Teaching Partner leading students to paint murals in public schools and teaching them how to cartoon their lives. —can draw portraits in a minute and have done so for United Airlines' events. —calligrapher for NBC Broadcasters —voted OUTSTANDING CAREERIST as an artist by EOC on Maui —designer of Tee shirt art for national mass market in the tens of thousands as Art Director & Chief Artist for the Original Austin Shirt Company. After years of artwork in Texas and Hawaii, I live in Wimberley, TX, where I am a member of ARTon12 Gallery and you may visit my "Faux Rock Wall & Critters Mural" on RR12/River Rd., for which I was awarded a City Proclamation. Thank You for Loving Art!

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