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## **The verdicts are in**

What a difference a judge makes. By that, I mean judges of art competitions, not necessarily judges seeking your vote Tuesday.

Julien Robson, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts' contemporary art curator, judged the Betsy Meyer Memorial Exhibit at Main Line Art Center. It's the sixth annual juried show in a series very closely watched by ambitious artists. Robson, a Scot trained in London, came to the Academy in '08 from the Speed Museum in Louisville, Ky.

One clue that venturesome artists once again have flocked to enter this display, enticed also by its unusual single prize of \$1,000, is that artists of serious intent from as far away as the Hoboken artists' colony and Bethlehem are rubbing elbows here with fresh local talent. In fact, Karen Steen of Bethlehem won the show's only prize.

The result is a show in which nearly everything on view is worthwhile. Nineteen artists are featured, each showing one to four works. The exhibit has a very "now" look about it.

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Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. To Nov. 16. Mon.-Thu. 10-8, Sat. 10-4. Free. 610-525-0272.