



FIRST BLOSSOMS by Rollin Pickford, Jr. Top award in Fresno District Fair Art Exhibit, Fresno, California. Dimensions 22 x 30.

rollin pickford, jr.

Mr. Pickford, AB Stanford University, is a free lance artist whose exhibited works have received 95 awards in the nation. An illustrator for William Saroyan and Peter B. Kyne, he is listed in Who's Who in American Art and Who's Who in the West.



statement by the artist . . .

Communication is one of mankind's valuable accomplishments. Painting is a rich medium of communication, capable of revealing ideas and feelings not expressible otherwise. The artist has the responsibility and privilege of sharing significant experiences with others.

If these brave, new blossoms quicken another's perception of the power inherent in the frailty of life beginning, lift up his spirit with a refreshed vision of Spring's renascence or give him courage and hope renewed, the painter is grateful.

Not to paint, as Renoir said, would be unbearable.

statements by the judges . . .

The painting, "First Blossoms", is a pleasing balance of subject matter and fiction, having strong romantic appeal. The artist has liberated himself from the subject in capturing and projecting to his audience.

Mr. Pickford's final success in this painting is his ability to relate highly complex man to the quiet beauty of nature. JOLE RUSSELL

Mr. Pickford's water color is an example of superior handling of the medium; and embodies a knowledgeable structure of design. Beyond this is the conviction that the artist has successfully projected his real feeling about the subject.

LAURENCE HOSMER

Taste, technique, design . . . all are good.

S. C. YVAN

Mr. Pickford's water color was chosen because its composition, design and brilliant color made it outstanding. CARMELS DE SIMONE

judges . . .

Jole Russell, Director Art Department, College of Sequoias, Visalia, California; Laurence Hosmer, Director Lodi Grape Festival, California State Fair at Sacramento, Lodi, California; S. C. Yvan; Carmels de Simone.