

**Covington Emerging Artist Award, 2022**

Given by *HorseSpirit Arts Gallery*

Presented at *HoCo Open 2022* exhibit, January 2022

The *Covington Emerging Artist Award* is given in honor of Ms. Mable Covington Holliday, a hardworking, multi-faceted woman, whose talents included creating and teaching art. In the late 1950's, Ms. Covington built an art studio outside her home in rural eastern North Carolina. Many of the women in her community had never expressed themselves outside of their roles as worker, wife, and mother. Ms. Covington welcomed, encouraged, and taught these women how to express their creativity through ceramics, quilting, oil painting, clothing design and fabrication, and other art forms. She ran her studio for over 20 years. Along the way, she lovingly taught her granddaughter Robin Holliday (Owner / Curator of *HorseSpirit Arts Gallery*) to create and appreciate art.

Ms. Covington was also a determined, strong woman who persevered through the Great Depression, World War II and the Korean War, losing husbands to the impacts of war. Through adversity, she kept creating art, welcoming people into her studio, extending kindness, and showing generosity. Above all, she held on to her belief in the goodness of humanity.

**Artist Eligibility:** Artists are eligible who have been exhibiting and/or selling their art for three (3) years or less. (Participation as a student in sales or events that are part of an academic program or curriculum does not affect eligibility.) Artists affiliated with *HorseSpirit Arts Gallery* are not eligible for this award.

**Art Media:** Artists working in any art media will be considered for this award.

**Selection Criteria:** The *Covington Emerging Artist Award* recognizes the artist whose work demonstrates not only technical excellence, but also most clearly echoes Mable Covington Holliday's belief in the power of the creative spirit.

**Award Amount:** \$500

**Selection Committee:** Robin Holliday and Deborah Maklowski, an accomplished artist, President of the Colored Pencil Society of America, and one of the artists at HorseSpirit Arts Gallery.

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