

2006 Artists' Association of Nantucket Artist-Patron Award

Each year at the Artists' Association of Nantucket's Artist-Patron Night, awards are given to the best and most involved artists and patrons on the island.

Several of the awards, like the Robert McDougall award for promising new artist, or the C. Robert Perrin Watercolor Award, were named in memory of deceased members of the Nantucket arts community.

"I thought these were choices of people who have been very active," said AAN Gallery Manager Robert Frazier. The two volunteer awards, for artist and patron alike, were awarded to people who were instrumental in the success of the AAN's summer auction this year, Frazier said.

Late last month, the AAN held its annual Artist-Patron night at the Joyce and Seward Johnson Gallery on Washington Street.

The following awards were presented:

• **Robert C. McDougall Award for promising new artist - Julija Mostykanova:** Established in 1990 by Letitia McDougall, sister of Robert McDougall, who died in 1986. Robert McDougall was a long-time Nantucket summer resident and painter,



Courtesy of Anne Butler Sutherland

Anne Butler Sutherland's "UMass Field Station." Butler received the Artists' Association of Nantucket's Pat Gardner "En Plein Air" Award at its Artist-Patron night at the Joyce and Seward Johnson Gallery late last month.

well known for his Chanticleer carousel print. A \$100 award is given to a "promising new artist in the Association." The artist must be a new member within the past two years, but with enough longevity for overview of quality of work and growth.

• **Liz Schaeffler Sculpture Award - Corey Craig Moore:** This award was initiated in 1998 by Sarah Dewing Liggett as a personal memorial gift to honor Liz Schaeffler. It is an annual award honoring outstanding work in sculpture.

• **C. Robert Perrin Watercolor Award - Edwin Rudd:** This award was initiated in 2000 by Eva-Maria Tausig to honor the memory of Robert Perrin, one of the AAN's and Nantucket's finest watercolorists. It is an annual award given for excellent work in watercolor.

• **Pat Gardner "En Plein Air" Award - Anne Butler**

• **George Smith Award for artist volunteer - Alison Hall Cooley:** This award was established in 1980 at the request of

Harold Gomeau to be given each year at Artist/Patron night in memory of George Smith. Gomeau wrote, "It is my intention to give some recognition of the memory of George Smith, a loyal member, patron, former president and secretary of the Association . . . to an artist member whose contribution of both artistic and volunteer service reflect George Smith's encouragement of these dual functions as a basic support of the Association. I ask that the selection of the recipient be named and honored during the



Courtesy of Edwin I

Edwin Rudd's "Bullheaded." Rudd received AAN's C. Robert Perrin Watercolor Award at Artist-Patron night last month.

annual Artist/Patron evening."

In addition to the six awards given to artists, one patron award is given annually:

• **Patron Award - John**

Brewer: This award begun in 1993 to honor patron member of the association who has shown standing commitment and dedication to the organization.