

Rutsch Award for Painting Winner Nina Rizzo Honored At Pelham Art Center Exhibit Opening Reception



Left to right: Nina Rizzo (Rutsch Award for Painting winner), Kathy Rutsch, Elizabeth Saperstein (Art Center Gallery Board Member), Lynn Honeysett (Art Center Director), Rachel Selekman (Rutsch Award Juror)

A solo exhibition of paintings by Nina Rizzo, of Chicago, Illinois, opened at the Pelham Art Center on May 6 and will run through June 25. She is the winner of the 2011 Alexander Rutsch Award in Painting.

Selected from nearly 400 applicants from across the U.S., she received a \$5,000 cash prize as well as the solo exhibition. *Time spent in Iceland* inspired her to create a mesmerizing series of glacial landscapes, including "Thaw," which is

shown behind the group in the photo above. In her exhibit in Pelham, she presents 17 works.

Currently Ms. Rizzo is an Assistant Professor at the School of Art, Northern Illinois University-DeKalb. She received her B.F.A from The University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign and her M.F.A from The University of Texas-Austin.