

PEOPLE & EVENTS

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Coleman Awarded in Lilly Oncology on CanvasSM Art Competition

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member JoAnn Coleman, RN, MS, AOCN®, ACNP, was honored with second place in the 2006 Lilly Oncology on CanvasSM: Expressions of a Cancer Journey International Art Competition and Exhibition, presented by Eli Lilly and Company in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. Lilly launched the competition in 2004 to help people affected by cancer express their emotions about the disease, an important part of the healing process. The art has since toured the world.

The judging panel awarded Coleman second place in the U.S. competition for her photograph, "Tranquility" (see inset). Coleman began as an RN in the department of surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, in 1974 and now serves as coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Pancreatic Cancer Clinic at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins.

"Tranquility" shows a serene fountain in Hawaii containing water lilies with a reflection of a Japanese tea house. Coleman took the photograph while in Hawaii for a nursing conference.

"The photograph reminds me of how we treat patients when they go into surgery for the removal of cancerous tumors," said Coleman. "We should accept and respect patients as they journey through the cancer experience."

Lilly Oncology on Canvas invited people from all over the world to put their feelings about cancer on canvas and in narrative. People diagnosed with any type of cancer,



"TRANQUILITY"

Patients faced with the challenges of cancer experience the gamut of emotions that reflect the mood of the ocean, from peaceful laps of waves at the shore to waves of tumultuous, rolling fury. I care for patients with pancreatic cancer and follow their journey along the continuum of care. I see the complex and ever-changing combination of physical, sensual, and spiritual elements encountered by these patients and their families and significant others.

This photo of a Japanese tea house reflected in a pond of elegant purple water lilies represents my philosophy of trying to create an aura of tranquility for my patients and their families and significant others. The lovely purple water lilies are a reminder of patients who have pancreatic cancer attempting to maintain harmony but always with a ripple of the reminder of the unknown that may be encountered in their cancer journey. My patients have taught me to respect the human qualities of sensitivity, awareness, respect, and communication, which are also those behaviors reflected in the ancient and elegant tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony.

—Photograph* and essay by JoAnn Coleman, RN, MS, AOCN®, ACNP

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JoAnn Coleman received second place honors for her photograph, "Tranquility," in the Lilly Oncology on CanvasSM Art Competition.

their families and friends, cancer advocates, healthcare providers, artists, and art students were eligible to apply. Art was accepted in the following media: acrylic, oil, pastel, photography, watercolor, and other, which included one-dimensional mixed media.

Lilly Oncology on Canvas will contribute \$5,000 to the Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine, in Baltimore on behalf of Coleman. In all, Lilly Oncology on Canvas awarded prizes to a total of 36 winners from more than 2,000 global entries from 43 countries.

To learn more about Lilly Oncology on Canvas, visit www.LillyOncology.com and click on the Lilly Oncology on Canvas logo.

Pitorak Elected President of Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation



ONS member Elizabeth Pitorak, MSN, APRN, CHPN, has been named president of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF). She began her term on January 1.

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