



**NEWS RELEASE – Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.**

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## **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners** **Announced – Adams County**

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest that was held at the Esther Allen Greer Museum, located on the campus of the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio.

This year, a total of 193 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 48 essays/poems. Special Awards were presented: "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Amateur Category went to Alice M. Smith of Adams County for her watercolor, "Pink Magnolia"; "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Professional Category went to Pat Thompson of Adams County for her pencil, "Conference on the Mound"; the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" went to Rita Haley of Gallia County for her acrylic, "Baby Squirrel with His Mother"; People's Choice Award went to Sharon Brown of Jackson County for her acrylic, "Adams County Barn"; Best Overall Essay went to Norma E. Graf of Scioto County for "Josie's Rose"; and Best Overall Poem went to Jeri Ingles of Gallia County for "Your Life is a Book".

Ohio residents age 55 or older were eligible to participate in the Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest. Winners announced from Adams County included:

Victor Potts Best of Show (Amateur Category) – "Pink Magnolia" by Alice M. Smith

Victor Potts Best of Show (Professional Category) – "Conference on the Mound" by Pat Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Eastern Fence Lizard" by Terry DeMint

1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds (Professional Category) – "Buckeye, The English Bulldog" by Elaine Lafferty

1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Before Success – The Dream" by Pat Thompson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Still Life – "Days Gone By" by Terry DeMint

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Cousin Luc – Sheep Shearer" by Pat Thompson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pen and Ink/Landscape – "Old Log Barn" by Jo Ann White

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pencil/Animals and Birds – "King of the Tree" by JR Bradley

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pencil/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Conference on the Mound" by Pat Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography/Animals and Birds – "Winter Blessings" by Sharon Bell

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Animals and Birds – "Ruffled Feathers" by Jo Ann White

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Floral – "Pink Magnolia" by Alice M. Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape – "Kentucky River Gorge" by Jo Ann White

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Portraits – "Young Chief" by Alice M. Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Watercolor/Portraits – "Mountain Songs" by Terry DeMint

1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Adams County – "Nature is Oh So Beautiful" by Lois Newman

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Adams County – “Memories of School Days in Rural School 1946-1951” by Laura Ruggles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essay/Adams County – “Cancer and the Invisible Rainbow” by Belinda Sininger
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poem/Adams County – “I Love Words” by Lois Newman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poem/Adams County – “True Love” by Laura Ruggles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Poem/Adams County – “Blessing in Disguise” by Belinda Sininger

To learn more about next year’s Art Show, which is typically held in May/June of each year, please call 1-800-582-7277.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their own homes through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7’s Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). Here, individuals can speak directly with a nurse or social worker who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an in-home assessment at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on [www.aaa7.org](http://www.aaa7.org), or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org). The Agency also has a Facebook page located at [www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7](http://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).

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*Attending the “Meet the Artists Tea” to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7’s 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Adams County were, front row, left to right, Eliza Bradley, Jo Ann White and Lois Newman. Back row, left to right, are Scott Hempleman, Douglas Rutherford and JR Bradley.*



*Pat Thompson of Adams County was the winner of the 2015 “Victor Potts Best of Show” in the Professional Category. She is pictured here with her winning pencil piece, “Conference on the Mound.”*