

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

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33rd Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners Announced – Jackson County

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 33rd 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 Jackson County included:

People's Choice Award - "Adams County Barn" by Sharon Brown

3rd Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Can You See Me Now?" by Deborah Lloyd

1st Place Acrylic/Floral – "Joan's Sunflower" by Joan Shasteen

2nd Place Acrylic/Floral – "In the Garden" by Deborah Lloyd

3rd Place Acrylic/Floral – "Poppy Love" by Gail Rawlins

1st Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Adams County Barn" by Sharon Brown

2nd Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Buckeye Furnace Bridge" by Sharon Brown

2nd Place Acrylic/Portraits – "Almost Home" by Gail Rawlins

3rd Place Acrylic/Portraits – "Sara and Weeney" by S. Pauline Kuhn

1st Place Acrylic/Seascape – "Sunset on Venice" by Gail Rawlins

3rd Place Acrylic/Seascape – "Seascape" by Virginia Horn

1st Place Acrylic/Other – "Welsh Flag" by Rushie McAllister

1st Place Mixed Media – "March of the Sandpipers on Sandpiper Bay" by Mary Morris

1st Place Oil/Abstract – "Lava Flow" by Mary Coll

1st Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Night Flight" by Deborah Lloyd

2nd Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Autumn Sparrow" by Lynda Dunlap

2nd Place Oil/Floral – "Sunflower" by Mary Coll

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3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Grandad's Home!" by Lynda Dunlap
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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, or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at info@aaa7.org. The Agency also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7.

^{4&}lt;sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Timeless" by Cathy Cooper Wood

^{6&}lt;sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Winter Home" by Rushie McAllister

^{7&}lt;sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Chapel Valley" by Judith A. Dennett

¹st Place Oil/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Little Dannie" by Kay Miller

^{3&}lt;sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Fishing Tycoon Lake" by Kay Miller

^{1&}lt;sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Seascape – "Sea Scape" by Judith A. Dennett

^{4&}lt;sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Still Life – "Vessels at Rest" by Joan Shasteen

^{1&}lt;sup>st</sup> Place Pencil/Cartoons – "Frozen: Olaf is a Magical Snowman Who Likes Warm Hugs" by Anna Summers

^{2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> Place Pencil /Cartoons – "Frozen: Olaf Dreams of Summer"

^{3&}lt;sup>rd</sup> Place Pencil/Cartoons – "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

^{2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Scioto County – "Good vs. Evil" by Herbie Fulk



Attending the "Meet the Artists Tea" to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7's 33rd Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Jackson County were, front row, left to right, Herbie Fulk, Anna Summers, Oliver Duncan, Diana Evans, Doris Evans, Annabelle Miller and Cathy Cooper Wood. Second row, left to right, Martha Detty Foster and Joan Shasteen. Third row, left to right, Rushie McAllister, Virginia Horn and Freda Lowery. Back row, left to right, Pauline Kuhn, Donna Martin, Sue Potter, Sharon Brown, Judy Dennett, Deborah Lloyd, Brenda Miller, Mary Coll and Mary Maxson.



Sharon Brown of Jackson County was the winner of the 2015 People's Choice Award. She is pictured here with her winning acrylic, "Adams County Barn."