



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

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## **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners Announced – Out of District**

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".

Winners who represented counties outside of the AAA7's 10-county district included:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Babcock Mill" by Rodney Karr of Meigs County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Still Life – "Violet Pumpkin" by Rodney Karr of Meigs County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pastels/Animals and Birds – "My Friend" by Mary O. Reed of Clinton County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pastels/Portraits – "I Love You, Too" by Mary O. Reed of Clinton County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography/Seascape – "Oden's Dock" by Josephine L. Hill of Meigs County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Watercolor/Floral – "Fanciful Poppies" by Shirley J. Hamm of Meigs County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape – "Watching Over You" by Mary O. Reed of Clinton County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art – "Woman Watching" by Juanita Mays of Clermont County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Out of District – "After the War is Over" by Beverly Zeimer of Franklin County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Out of District – "A Mighty Fortress is Our God Reflection on Martin Luther" by Isle Burris of Mason County (WV)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "Queen Anne's Ballet" by Polly Lyons of Fairfield County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "Renaissance" by Isle Burris of Mason County (WV)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "What a Strange Journey is Life" – Shirley J. Hamm of Meigs County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "The Wildness of Flowers" by Beverly Zeimer of Franklin County
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "The Recipe" by Juanita Mays of Clermont County

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](https://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).



*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 counties outside the AAA7's district were, left to right, Josephine Hill, Shirley Hamm, Polly Lyons, Juanita Mays and Isle Burris.*