



33rd Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners **Announced – Ross 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 Ross County included:

- 4th Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Time Passed" by Ruth Irwin
- 1st Place Charcoal/Portraits – "My Mother (1932-2015)" by Terri Harris-Downing
- 1st Place Oil/Landscape – "The Bench" by Andrew Davies
- 5th Place Oil/Landscape – "Autumn Beauty" by Teri Alley
- 2nd Place Oil/Portraits – "Old Chief" by Teri Alley
- 2nd Place Pastels/Animals and Birds – "Wanna Play?" by Carolyn Dixon
- 1st Place Pastels/Floral – "Spring is Here" by Betty Sahr
- 2nd Place Pastels/Floral – "A Bunch of Flowers" by Betty Sahr
- 1st Place Pastels/Landscape – "Pride in the Farm" by Carolyn Dixon
- 2nd Place Pastels/Portraits – "Chief Flying Eagle" by Carolyn Lee
- 2nd Place Pastels/Still Life – "Soft Touch" by Carolyn Lee
- 2nd Place Pen and Ink/Cartoons – "Eye on Nature" by Ruth Irwin
- 1st Place Pen and Ink/Still Life – "Celebrate the Pumpkin Face" by Ruth Irwin
- 2nd Place Pencil/Landscape – "Church Drawing" by Jacob Shepherd
- 5th Place Photography/Animals and Birds – "Splish Splash" by Jacki Byers
- 1st Place Photography/Floral – "Grandma's Clematis" by Jacki Byers
- 2nd Place Photography/Landscape – "Slow Reflections" by Jacki Byers

- 1st Place Photography/Portraits – “El Mariachi” by Robert Wallace
- 2nd Place Photography/Portraits – “Costa Rican Girl” by Robert Wallace
- 1st Place Photography/Seascape – “Veracruz, Mexico” by Robert Wallace
- 3rd Place Photography/Seascape – “Paradise” by Andrew Davies
- 2nd Place Photography/Other – “Emily’s First Year” by Ramona Thompson
- 1st Place Watercolor/Still Life – “Apples a Plenty” by Teri Alley
- 1st Place Other/Fiber Arts – “Small Pillow” by Mae Skellett
- 1st Place Essay/Ross County – “Lunch” by Tom Glatting
- 2nd Place Essay/Ross County – “The Rough Beginning” by Shirley Ratcliff
- 3rd Place Essay/Ross County – “Lucky Cat” by Terri Harris-Downing
- 1st Place Poem/Ross County – “Silence” by Grace Marlene Holman
- 2nd Place Poem/Ross County – “My Fantasy” by Andrew Davies
- 3rd Place Poem/Ross County – “Sneaky Guy” by Tom Glatting
- 4th Place Poem/Ross County – “Gone with the Wind” by Janet Brown
- 5th Place Poem/Ross County – “The Old Porch Swing” by Larry A. Gates
- 6th Place Poem/Ross County – “Gloriole” by Vicki Pritchard

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.



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 Ross County were, left to right, Mae Skellett, Andrew Davies, Jacob Shepherd, Ramona Thompson, Ruth Irwin, Carolyn Lee, Carolyn Dixon and Terri Harris-Downing.