



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

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

- Best Overall Essay – "Josie's Rose" by Norma E. Graf
- 2nd Place Acrylic/Seascape – "New England Lighthouse" by Jack Hughes
- 1st Place Mixed Media/Florals – "Paper Roses" by Sue Lonney
- 2nd Place Oil/Seascape – "Storm Brewing" by Frances Newman
- 3rd Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art – "Living Wreath" by Adult Daily Living
- 1st Place Essay/Scioto County – "Josie's Rose" by Norma E. Graf
- 2nd Place Essay/Scioto County – "Good vs. Evil" by Herbie Fulk
- 1st Place Poem/Scioto County – "Hair" by James R. Butcher
- 2nd Place Poem/Scioto County – "The River" by Wanda Mays Joslin
- 3rd Place Poem/Scioto County – "What Would I Do Without You" by Donna Benner
- 4th Place Poem/Scioto County – "Growing Up" by Kathy Bishop

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 Scioto County were, left to right, Vivian Beck, Sue Lonney, Wanda Joslin, James Laber, Jack Hughes, James Butcher, Junior Benner, Donna Benner, Kayla Benner, Bruce Benner and Kasey Benner.



Pictured in the photo at the right is Frances Newman.



Norma E. Graf of Scioto County was the winner of the 2015 Best Overall Essay. She is pictured here with her winning writing, "Josie's Rose."