



34th 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) 34th 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 178 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 38 essays/poems. Special Awards were presented: "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Amateur Category went to Pat Parsons of Gallia County for her bronzed sculpture "Horton the Elephant"; "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Professional Category went to Mary Jo Copeland of Highland County for her oil, "Eight is Enough"; the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" went to Jo Ann White of Adams County for her watercolor, "Bunny Rabbit"; People's Choice Award went to Dennis Crabtree of Jackson County for his watercolor, "The Old House on Horton Sisters Road"; Best Overall Essay went to R. Eugene Wallace for "Tribute to Dean Cockrill"; and Best Overall Poem went to Dorothy Strickland of Scioto County for "How the World Was Made".

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

- Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award – "Bunny Rabbit" by Jo Ann White
- 2nd Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Untitled" by Terry DeMint
- 1st Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds (Professional Category) – "No Dinner Today" by Pat Thompson
- 1st Place Acrylic/Floral – "Beauty of Sunflowers" by Laura Ruggles
- 1st Place Acrylic/Landscape (Professional Category) – "Aruba's Divi-Divi Tree" by Elaine Lafferty
- 1st Place Acrylic/Portraits – "Mountain Song" by Terry DeMint
- 1st Place Acrylic/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Western Class" by Elaine Lafferty
- 1st Place Pastels/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Making Memories" by Pat Thompson
- 1st Place Pencil/Animals and Birds – "Best Friends Forever" by JR Bradley
- 1st Place Pencil/Portraits (Professional Category) – "Partners" by Pat Thompson
- 1st Place Photography/Landscape – "Untitled" by Terry DeMint
- 1st Place Watercolor/Animals and Birds – "Bunny Rabbit" by Jo Ann White
- 1st Place Watercolor/Floral – "Pink Hibiscus" by Jo Ann White
- 2nd Place Watercolor/Landscape – "Fantasy Farm" by Jo Ann White
- 1st Place Essay/Adams County – "Very Good Lessons" by Lois Newman
- 2nd Place Essay/Adams County – "The Value of a Smile" by Belinda Sininger
- 3rd Place Essay/Adams County – "The Indecency of Death" by Rebecca Lyle

1st Place Poem/Adams County – “What is Happening Here?” by Laura Ruggles
2nd Place Poem/Adams County – “Spring is Mine” by Lois Newman

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.

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Attending the “Meet the Artists Tea” to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7’s 34th Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Adams County were, left to right, Eliza Bradley and JR Bradley.



Jo Ann White of Adams County was the winner of the 2016 “Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award”. She is pictured here with her winning watercolor, “Bunny Rabbit”.