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## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners** **Announced – Gallia County**

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 34<sup>th</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 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 Gallia County included:

Victor Potts Best of Show (Amateur Category) – "Horton the Elephant" by Pat Parsons

1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Seascape – "Ahoy Mate" by Clara Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds - So You're Mr. Cardinal" by Clara Day

1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Floral – "Iris in the Spring" by Ann Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Floral – "Spring Bloom" by Sally Roberts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Early Start" by Lynda Dunlap

4<sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "The First Snow" by Sally Roberts

1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Seascape – "Adventure at Sea" by Judy Ross

1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Seascape (Professional Category) – "Lighthouse" by Sue Potter

1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Other – "A Prized Catch" by Sally Roberts"

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pencil/Portraits – "Going on 25" by Judy Ross

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Abstract – "Freemont Street Experience" by Anita Gail Belville

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography/Animals and Birds – "Green Heron" by Jeri L. Ingles

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography/Floral – "Poppin" by Jeri L. Ingles

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography/Floral – "Family of Tiger Swallowtails" by Jeri L. Ingles

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography/Landscape – "Gallipolis Island" by Mary Lee Marchi

5<sup>th</sup> Place Photography/Landscape – "Sunset on the Hill" by Cheryl Enyart

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Portraits – “The Promise” by Cheryl Enyart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography/Still Life – “Autumn Splendor” by Anita Gail Belville
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape (Professional Category) – “Beautiful Mountains” by Sue Potter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other/Fiber Arts – “Red Afghan” by Peggy McCoy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art – “Horton the Elephant” by Pat Parsons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art – “Wall Pocket” by Pat Parsons
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “Discovering Century-Old Art” by Charles A. Murray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “Phoebe the Cat Finds a New Home” by Anita Gail Belville
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “My Mother’s Homecoming” by Anita Gail Belville

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).

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*Attending the "Meet the Artists Tea" to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Gallia County were, front row, left to right, Peggy McCoy, Clara Day, Gail Belville and Judy Ross. Second row, left to right, Sally Roberts, Cheryl Enyart and Pat Parsons. Third row, left to right, Jeri Ingles and Rita Halley. Back row, left to right, Patrick Day, Gage Day, Kim Day and Charles Murray.*



*Pat Parsons of Gallia County was the winner of the 2016 Victor Potts Best of Show Award in the Amateur Category. She is pictured here with her winning bronzed sculpture, "Horton the Elephant."*