



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

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34th Annual Senior Citizens Art Show **Winners Announced**

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

- 2nd Place Oil/Seascape – "At Rest" by Shirley Hamm of Meigs County
- 2nd Place Photography/Animals and Birds – "Twinkle in His Eye" by John Thomas of Athens County
- 1st Place Photography/Still Life – "Ran When Parked" by John Thomas of Athens County
- 2nd Place Watercolor/Floral – "Japanese Orchid" by Shirley Hamm of Meigs County
- 1st Place Poem/Out of District – "Easy to Love" by Isle Burris of Mason County, WV
- 2nd Place Poem/Out of District – "Water Song" by Polly Lyons of Fairfield County
- 3rd Place Poem/Out of District - "But" by Shirley J. Hamm of Meigs 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, 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 33rd Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from counties outside the AAA7's district were, left to right, Mary Wise, Shirley Hamm, Pam Thomas, Oliver Duncan, John Thomas, Polly Lyons, Isle Burris and Rhojean McClure.