



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

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## **36<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) 36<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 138 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 29 essays/poems. Special Awards were presented: "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Amateur Category went to Julia Rice of Jackson County for her charcoal, "A Mother's Love"; "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Professional Category went to Elaine Lafferty of Adams County for her acrylic, "Beach Adventure"; the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" went to Patricia Parsons of Gallia County for her three-dimensional piece, "Elsa the Lion and Sasha the Lamb"; People's Choice Award went to Brenda K. Miller of Jackson County for her oil, "In Memory of Billy Graham"; Best Overall Essay went to Diana J. Randolph of Gallia County for "Ugly or Beautiful"; and Best Overall Poem went to Charles A. Murray of Gallia County for "A Good Day".

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

Mary Peck "Friend of Animals" Award – "Elsa the Lion and Sasha the Lamb" by Patricia Parsons

Best Overall Essay – "Ugly or Beautiful" by Diana K. Randolph

Best Overall Poem – "A Good Day" by Charles A. Murray

1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Floral – "Untitled" by Marj Snedaker

4<sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Taylor's Turtle" by Sally Roberts

4<sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Cornerstone of Faith" by Sally Roberts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Portraits – "3 Boys and a Fountain" by Pamela S. Conley

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Still Life – "Apple is King" by Pamela S. Conley

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pencil/Floral – "Tiger Lily" by Patricia Parsons

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pencil/Portraits – "Who Me?" by Pamela S. Conley

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Abstract – "End of Time" by Cheryl Enyart

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Animals and Birds – "Smithsonian Butterfly" by Anita Gail Belville

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography/Floral – "Afternoon Delight" by Cheryl Enyart

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography/Landscape – "Winter View From My Porch" by Nicolyn S. Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Landscape (Professional) – "Untitled" by David M. Hayes

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Seascape – "Lighthouse on Sturgeon Bay" by Nicolyn S. Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Seascape (Professional) – "Sequential Moonrise" by David M. Hayes

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Still Life – "Cherries in Still Life" by Rita Haley

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other/Fiber Arts (Crochet) – “Crochet Doily” by Betty J. Saunders
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art (Sculpture) – “Elsa the Lion and Sasha the Lamb” by Patricia Parsons
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “Ugly or Beautiful” by Diana J. Randolph
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “A Special Day” by Anson Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “That’s Just the Way It Is” by David M. Hayes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Essay/Gallia County – “What Ever Happened to Love?” by Juanita Wood
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “A Good Day” by Charles A. Murray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “Rib” by Nellie Ruby Taylor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “The Ohio River Valley” by Diana J. Randolph
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “The Stone” by Juanita Wood
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Poem/Gallia County – “Ariana” 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 or e-mail [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org).

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 specially-trained Resource Specialist 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).



*Artists and guests who attended from Gallia County included, front row, left to right, Nicolyn Smith, Gail Belville, Tracy Miller, Nellie Ruby Taylor, Rita Haley, Cheryl Enyart and Peggy McCoy. Back row, left to right, Diana Randolph, Pat Parsons, David Hayes, Pam Conley, Sally Roberts, AAA7 Assistant Director Nina Keller, Charles Murray, and Ohio Department of Aging Interim Director Bev Laubert.*



*Top Winners at this year's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show from Gallia County included (pictured left) Patricia Parsons who received the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" for her sculpture, "Elsa the Lion and Sasha the Lamb". Written honors went to (pictured right) Charles A. Murray, who achieved "Best Overall Poem" for "A Good Day", and Diana J. Randolph, who achieved "Best Overall Essay" for "Ugly or Beautiful".*