



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

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## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show** **Winners Announced – Jackson 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 Jackson County included:

Victor Potts Best of Show (Amateur) – "A Mother's Love" by Julia Rice  
People's Choice Award – "In Memory of Billy Graham" by Brenda K. Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Evening Stroll" by Catherine Davis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Dinner Time" by Rushie McAllister  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Summer Place" by Gail Rawlins  
4<sup>th</sup> Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Birch Trees" by Pauline Wade  
5<sup>th</sup> Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Peaceful Easy Feeling" by Brenda Long  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Portraits – "Sara Elizabeth" by Pauline Wade  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Acrylic/Seascape – "Waterfall" by Rushie McAllister  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Charcoal/Animals and Birds – "A Mother's Love" by Julia Rice  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Animals and Birds – "Lion of Judah" by Carol Blamer  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Cartoons – "A Happy Sunday Afternoon" by Martha Detty Foster  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Landscape – "Happy Love One" by Martha Detty Foster  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Other – "Jez' Thinkin" by Martha Detty Foster  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Seascape – "Sunset" by Rushie McAllister  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Mourning Glory" by Julia Rice

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – “Blue Friends” by Lynda Dunlap
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – “ClaAssy” by Brenda K. Miller
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – “Best Friends Tried and True” by Lynda Dunlap
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Floral – “Flower Basket” by Sharon Todd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Floral – “Just Picked” by Mary J. Ingalls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – “Memories” by Denise L. Armstrong
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Landscape (Professional) – “Icon of a Bygone Era” by Paul Brown
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Portraits – “Fall Leaves Fun” by Sue Potter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Portraits (Professional) – “Those Eyes Haunt Me” by Paul Brown
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pastels/Landscape – “Peaceful Shore” by Sue Potter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pen-Ink/Landscape – “Coalton Elementary School” by William Franklin Keck
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pencil/Portraits – “Sara” by Pauline Wade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography/Animals and Birds – “Backyard Visitor” by Julia Rice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Other/Three Dimensional Art – “Pixie Palace” by Dennis Crabtree”
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Jackson County – “The Woman in the Mirror”

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 Jackson County included, front row, left to right, Lynda Dunlap, Jeannie Jordan, Juanita Clark, Annabelle Miller, Martha Detty Foster, Krystal Wilson, Cathy Wood, Carol Blamer, and Ohio Department of Aging Interim Director Bev Laubert. Back row, left to right, AAA7 Assistant Director Nina Keller, Pauline Wade, Sharon Todd, Brenda Long, Rushie McAllister, Catherine Davis, Carolee Lewis and Brenda Kay Miller.*



*Julia Rice of Jackson County was named the winner of the Best of Show in the Amateur Category for her charcoal piece, "A Mother's Love"*



*Brenda K. Miller of Jackson County was named the winner of the People's Choice Award for her oil, "In Memory of Billy Graham"*