



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

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## **36<sup>th</sup> 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) 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 who represented counties outside of the AAA7's 10-county district included:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Old Barn in Mountain Meadow" by Paul E. Hunt of Ashland, Kentucky
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Bowl of Knife Fruit Study" by Paul E. Hunt of Ashland, Kentucky
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Animals and Birds – "Le Coq" by Shirley Hamm of Meigs County, Ohio
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape – "Pathway" by Shirley Hamm of Meigs County, Ohio
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Out of District – "The Good Samaritan" by Isle Burriss of Mason County, WV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Out of District – "Treated to Southern Hospitality" by Polly Lyons of Fairfield County, Ohio
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "Spooky Halloween" by Polly Lyons of Fairfield County, Ohio
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "Life" by Isle Burriss of Mason County, WV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Poem/Out of District – "In the Silence of the Night" by Shirley Hamm of Meigs County, Ohio

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).

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*Artists and guests who attended representing areas outside of the AAA7's 10-county district are pictured. Left to right, AAA7 Assistant Director Nina Keller; Shirley Hamm of Meigs County, Ohio; Isle Burris of Mason County, WV; Polly Lyons of Fairfield County, Ohio; and Ohio Department of Aging Interim Director Beverly Laubert.*