



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

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## **37<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) 37<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 135 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 42 essays/poems. Special Awards were presented: "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Amateur Category went to Carl Murdock of Lawrence County for his photograph, "Amish Maiden"; "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Professional Category went to Pat Thompson of Adams County for her pencil, "Clinton"; the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" went to Elaine Morris of Highland County for her pastel, "Carefree"; People's Choice Award went to Judith Clay of Lawrence County for her counted cross stitch, "Winter Sunrise"; Best Overall Essay went to Anita Gail Belville of Gallia County for "A Passionate Tragedy"; and Best Overall Poem went to David Brown of Gallia County for "The Night Before Christmas (Revised)".

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Squeak" by S. Pauline Wade
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Holiday Horse" by Sylvia Stroth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Moonlight Over the Hills" by Brenda Long
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Seascape – "Light by the Seashore" by Rushie McAllister
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Cardinals on the Fence" by Lynda Dunlap
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Cartoons – "Mother's Little Helper" by Diana Evans
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Cartoons - "Yip! Yip! Aliens Have Landed!" by Shirley Kagey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Floral – "Mother's Flowers" by Freda Lowery
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Gallia Evening Light" by Judy Ross
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Spider Webbed Fence" by Judy Ross
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Red Barn 279" by James Snyder
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Oil/Landscape – "Mountain Majesty" by Martha Detty Foster
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Landscape (Professional) – "Log Cabin Home" by Sue Potter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Landscape (Professional) – "At the End of the Day" by Brenda K. Miller
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Portrait – "Mary Did You Know?" by Julia Rice
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Portrait (Professional) – "Happy the Hobo" by Brenda K. Miller

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oil/Seascape – “Sunset Bridge” by Doris Evans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oil/Seascape – “Island Dream” by Sharon Todd
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Still Life (Professional) – “Copper Kettle and Fruit” by Carol Blamer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Other – “The Redeemer Lives” by Shirley Kagey
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Three-Dimensional Ceramics – “Partners Forever” by Dennis Crabtree
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Three-Dimensional Mixed Media – “Taming the Yellow-Eyed Demon” by Dennis Crabtree
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape – “Queen Anne Style” by Juanita Clark
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape (Professional) – “Klingman’s Dome” by Sue Potter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other (Alcohol Ink on Tile) – “Endless Summer Hydrangeas” by Julia Rice
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Other (Paper Art) – “Pathway to Heaven” by Dennis Crabtree
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Jackson County – “The Woman in the Mirror” by Sharon Todd

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](http://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).

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*Artists and guests who attended from Jackson County included, front row, left to right, Julia Rice, Diana Evans, Juanita Clark, Martha Detty-Foster, Brenda K. Miller, Helen S. Potter and Judy Ross. Second row, left to right, Carol Blamer, Rushie McAllister and Pauline Wade. Third row, left to right, Lynda Dunlap, Haley Blamer and Shirley Kagey. Back row, left to right, Dennis Crabtree, Jim Snyder, Sharon Todd and Mary Maxson.*