



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

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41st Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners Recognized

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 41st Annual Senior Citizens Art Show that was recently held at Bristol Village's Glenn Activity Center in Waverly, Ohio.

This year, a total of 54 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 20 essays/poems. Special awards were presented to:

- Victor Potts Best of Show (Amateur) - Kathy Vanderhoof of Scioto County - "Vegetables in a Wooden Bowl" (Oil)
- Victor Potts Best of Show (Professional) - Pat Thompson of Adams County - "Boy in Tophat" (Oil)
- People's Choice Award - Joyce Holben of Pike County - "The Village" (Fiber Arts - Quilt)
- Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award - Mary Beaumont of Scioto County - "Frog" (Photography)
- Best Overall Poem - Carolyn Oliver of Jackson County - "Grandma's Pantry"
- Best Overall Essay - Charles Murray of Gallia County - "Bidwell Porter School Bell"

Participants age 55 or older were eligible to participate in the Show and were invited to a special reception to close out the event where ribbons were presented to winners of the many media categories and sub categories. A list of those winners can be found on the AAA7's website at www.aaa7.org under "About AAA7" then "Special Events" then "Art Show and Poetry/Essay Contest".

Examples of art categories that were entered in the Contest included acrylic, oil, pencil, photography, and fabric. Judging themes included animals and birds, floral, landscape, portraits, seascape, and still life. In addition, an essay/poetry category was also available with the entries included as part of the display at the Museum. Participants in the variety of categories represented the counties served by the AAA7 which include Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton, as well as counties outside the ten-county district.

For more details about the Art Show or to have your name added to the mailing list for 2024, please call the Area Agency on Aging District 7 toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 or e-mail 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 residence of choice 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 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, 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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Top Row, Left to Right: Victor Potts Best of Show (Amateur) - Kathy Vanderhoof of Scioto County - "Vegetables in a Wooden Bowl" (Oil); Victor Potts Best of Show (Professional) - Pat Thompson of Adams County - "Boy in Tophat" (Oil); People's Choice Award - Joyce Holben of Pike County - "The Village" (Fiber Arts - Quilt); and Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award - Mary Beaumont of Scioto County - "Frog" (Photography).

Pictured Left: Best Overall Essay - Charles Murray of Gallia County - "Bidwell Porter School Bell". Not pictured: Best Overall Poem - Carolyn Oliver of Jackson County - "Grandma's Pantry".