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## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Art Show Winners** **Announced – Highland County**

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 34<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 178 art pieces were entered in the Contest with 38 essays/poems. Special Awards were presented: "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Amateur Category went to Pat Parsons of Gallia County for her bronzed sculpture, "Horton the Elephant"; "Victor Potts Best of Show Award" in the Professional Category went to Mary Jo Copeland of Highland County for her oil, "Eight is Enough"; the "Mary Peck Friend of Animals Award" went to Jo Ann White of Adams County for her watercolor, "Bunny Rabbit"; People's Choice Award went to Dennis Crabtree of Jackson County for his watercolor, "The Old House on Horton Sisters Road"; Best Overall Essay went to R. Eugene Wallace for "Tribute to Dean Cockrill"; and Best Overall Poem went to Dorothy Strickland of Scioto County for "How the World Was Made".

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

Victor Potts Best of Show (Professional Category) – "Eight is Enough" by Mary Jo Copeland

1<sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic/Abstract – "Untitled" by Vernie Atkinson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Counted Cross Stitch/Seascape – "Adoration" by Kathryn Morris

1<sup>st</sup> Place Framed/Animals and Birds – "Untitled" by Sue Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Framed/Other – "Untitled" by Sue Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Animals and Birds – "King of the Barnyard" by Elizabeth Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media/Floral – "Dendrobium" by Elizabeth Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Place Oil/Animals and Birds (Professional Category) – "Eight is Enough" by Mary Jo Copeland

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pencil/Landscape – "Dungeness" by Kathryn Morris

4<sup>th</sup> Place Photography/Landscape – "Morning Walk" by Kathryn Morris

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography/Seascape – "Niagra Falls" by Elinor Cornelius

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Abstract – "Volcanic Eruption" by Louise Calhoun

1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor/Animals and Birds (Professional Category) – "Resting Time" by Mary Jo Copeland

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Watercolor/Landscape – "Quick Stop" by Mary O. Reed

1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Highland County – "True Tales of the Old Great Northwest Territory" by Mary Hawthorne

1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay/Highland County – "We Two" by Donna Jean Amert

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Essay/Highland County – "Company – Country Style" by Darrell R. Larkin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essay/Highland County – “I’m Walkin’” by Lester Hatfield

4<sup>th</sup> Place Essay/Highland County – “Poets and Politicians” by Mary Hawthorne

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.

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 nurse or social worker 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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Attending the “Meet the Artists Tea” to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7’s 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Highland County were, front row, left to right, Charlotte Scheffler, Louise Calhoun and Sue Johnson. Back Row, left to right, Mary Bean, Maxie Green, Mary O. Reed, Margaret Peabody, Vernie Atkinson, Elaine Williams and Donna Tolle.



Mary Jo Copeland of Highland County was the winner of the 2016 Victor Potts Best of Show Award in the Professional Category. She is pictured here with her oil piece, “Eight is Enough”.