



34th 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) 34th 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 Jackson County included:

People's Choice Award – "The Old House on Horton Sisters Road" by Dennis Crabtree

1st Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Free at Sunset" by Rushie McAllister

2nd Place Acrylic/Landscape – "No More" by Sharon Brown

3rd Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Into the Woods" by Deborah Lloyd

4th Place Acrylic/Landscape – "Into the Woods" by Mary Ann McDonald

1st Place Acrylic/Seascape – "Almost Heaven" by Gail Rawlins

1st Place Acrylic/Still Life – "Get Creative Kit" by Gail Rawlins

1st Place Charcoal/Portraits – "Grandma" by Sharon Brown

1st Place Mixed Media/Landscape – "Yesterdays Barn" by Rushie McAllister

1st Place Oil/Abstract – "My Little Houses" by Martha Detty Foster

1st Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Eagle" by Carnell Smith

3rd Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Spring Herald" by Cathy Cooper Wood

4th Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "Barred Owl" by Judith Dennett

5th Place Oil/Animals and Birds – "What a Hoot!" by Deborah Lloyd

1st Place Oil/Cartoons – "Pebble and Bam Bam" by Diana Evans

3rd Place Oil/Landscape – "Grand Paws Farm" by Judith Dennett

1st Place Oil/Landscape (Professional Category) – "The 2002 Beach Party at Lake Alma" by William Franklin Keck

- 1st Place Oil/Portraits – “Carnell” by Crystal Davis
- 1st Place Oil/Portraits (Professional Category) – “Dad” by William Franklin Keck
- 1st Place Oil/Still Life – “Apple Time” by Donna Martin
- 2nd Place Oil/Still Life – “Fruit and Flowers” by Mae F. Ring
- 3rd Place Oil/Still Life – “A Bountiful Harvest” by Mary Jane Ingalls
- 1st Place Oil/Other (Professional Category) – “Old Car” by Brenda Kay Miller
- 1st Place Watercolor/Landscape – “The Old House on Horton Sisters Road” by Dennis Crabtree
- 1st Place Other/Crafts – “Autumn Leaves” by Alice Chinn
- 1st Place Essay/Jackson County – “The Lady in Room 155” by Sheila Hall
- 1st Place Poem/Jackson County – “In the Twilight” by Patricia DeHart

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, 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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Attending the "Meet the Artists Tea" to conclude the Area Agency on Aging District 7's 34th Annual Art Show and Essay/Poetry Contest from Jackson County were, front row, left to right, Oliver Duncan, Doris Evans, Diana Evans, Mae Ring, Shirley Wilson, Alice Chinn and Jack Chinn. Second row, left to right, Cathy Cooper Wood, Crystal Davis and Sue Potter. Third row, left to right, Judy Dennett, Kay Miller and Rushie McAllister. Back row, left to right, Donna Martin, Sharon Todd, Gail Rawlins, Deborah Lloyd and Sharon Brown.



Dennis Crabtree of Jackson County was the winner of the 2016 People's Choice Award. He is pictured here with his winning watercolor, "The Old House on Horton Sisters Road."