



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

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36th Annual Senior Citizens Art Show **Winners Announced – Adams County**

The artwork of local seniors was recently showcased at the Area Agency on Aging District 7's (AAA7) 36th 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 announced from Adams County included:

Victor Potts Best of Show (Professional) – "Beach Adventure" by Elaine Lafferty
2nd Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "The Great Blue Heron" by Terry DeMint
4th Place Acrylic/Animals and Birds – "Deer" by Regina Jones
1st Place Acrylic/Portraits (Professional) – "Alex at the Beach" by Elaine Lafferty
1st Place Acrylic/Seascape (Professional) – "Beach Adventure" by Elaine Lafferty
1st Place Acrylic/Still Life – "Back in the Day" by Terry DeMint
1st Place Oil/Portraits (Professional) – "Faith of Things Unseen" by Pat Thompson
1st Place Pastels/Floral (Professional) – "Royal Grande Iris" by Pat Thompson
1st Place Pencil/Animals and Birds – "Goldfish" by Danny Avins
2nd Place Pencil/Landscape – "Trees Landscape" by Danny Avins
1st Place Pencil/Portraits (Professional) – "Lord Percy's Castle" by Pat Thompson
1st Place Watercolor/Portraits – "Shawnee Chief" by Terry DeMint
1st Place Watercolor/Seascape (Professional) – "Sharkey's Beach" by Elaine Lafferty
3rd Place Other/Fiber Arts (Quilting) – "The American Quilt Trail" by Sally White
2nd Place Other/Three-Dimensional Art (Stained Glass) – "Rooster at Sunrise" by Sally White
1st Place Essay/Adams County – "Fairy Tails and Reality" by Belinda Sininger

1st Place Poem/Adams County – “A Loan from God” by Timothy H. McDonough

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.

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, 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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Elaine Lafferty of Adams County was the winner of the 2018 Victor Potts Best of Show in the Professional Category for her acrylic, “Beach Adventure”.