



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

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36th Annual Senior Citizens Art Show **Winners Announced – Ross 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 Ross County included:

- 2nd Place Acrylic/Still Life – "Bowl of Cherries" by Patricia Bishop Newman
- 1st Place Pastels/Animals and Birds – "Jungle Hideaway" by Carolyn Lee
- 1st Place Pastels/Floral – "Bounce with the Flowers" by Carolyn Lee
- 1st Place Pastels/Still Life – "Milk and Honey" by Carolyn Lee
- 2nd Place Other/Fiber Arts (Crochet) – "Cradle to Purse" by Emma DePugh
- 1st Place Essay/Ross County – "Not What My Mamma Told Me" by Shirley Ratcliff
- 2nd Place Essay/Ross County – "A Fairy Tale Frogs" by Tom Glatting
- 1st Place Poem/Ross County – "Irma" by Tom Glatting

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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Artists and guests who attended from Ross County included, left to right, AAA7 Assistant Director Nina Keller, Carolyn Lee, Donald Newman, Emma DePugh, and Ohio Department of Aging Interim Director Beverly Laubert.