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AREA 9 AGENCY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2009 SENIOR ART COMPETITION

From paintings to drawings, photographs to sculptures, glasswork to wood carvings, the artistic accomplishments of our older citizens will be on exhibit August 3rd – September 18th in Meijer Artway, Whitewater Hall, on the campus of Indiana University East. Persons age 60 and over from Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne counties who participated in the 2009 Area 9 Senior Art Competition will have their work on exhibit during this fourth annual event sponsored by the Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency with the support of Indiana University East. “This is a wonderful opportunity for showcasing the artistic abilities of older citizens in our communities,” says Judy Ford, coordinator of the event.

“Each year,” says Ed Thornburg, judge for the event, “the caliber of the art keeps improving. It is difficult to pick award places when the work is so competitively good.” Ribbons were awarded to the winners in each event. Division Champions received \$50 gift cards sponsored by Friends Fellowship Community in Richmond. Area 9 Agency sponsored a \$100 gift card presented to the Best of Show.

The Area 9 Senior Art Exhibit will be open to the public during regular campus hours. Following are the results of the Open Judging held July 29th:

Best of Show: Barbara Sparks, “Barns”

Advanced Painting – Bettie Donovan, Division Champion

Acrylic: 1st Place – Eugene Phillips, Richmond, “Beech Tree”
2nd Place – Valley Rose Deem, Richmond, “In Days of Long Ago”
3rd Place – Joyce Acton, Richmond, “Big Sable Island”

Watercolor: 1st Place – Bettie Donovan, Richmond “Lazy Daisy”

Amateur Painting – Barbara Sparks, Division Champion

Oil: 1st Place – Barbara Sparks, Richmond, “Barns”
2nd Place – Luevirna King, Connersville, “Indian Maiden”
3rd Place – Lois Gesell, Liberty, “Woods in the Fog”
Honorable Mentions: Joyce Henwood, Centerville, “Winer Tranquility”
Carol S. Moore, Rushville, “Baby Rhino”
Shirley Stanton, Liberty, “Little Boy Playing Hooky”
Genebe Turner, Rushville, “The Ole Barn”
Jeanie Ward, Rushville, “Untitled”
Doris Martin, Connersville, “Placid Field”

Acrylic: 1st Place – Jerry Breen, Richmond “The Ole Mill Stream”

2nd Place – Christina Tate, Richmond *“Autumn Day”*

3rd Place – Lynn L. Johnstone, Richmond, *“Key West Shrimp Fleet”*

(Amateur Acrylic continued)

Honorable Mentions: Russell Carter, Richmond, *“Quiet Place Among the Trees”*
Ralph E. Wynn, Richmond, *“Fruit Bowl”*
Betty Ashby, Rushville, *“From My Kitchen Window”*
Marian Miller, Rushville, *“Spring”*
Dorothy Bess, Rushville, *“Kiziah”*
Maylenne R. Conley, Richmond, *“Katy”*
Geraldine Breen, Richmond, *“The Glorious Choo-Choo”*
Edgar Bowery, Richmond, *“My Prairie Home”*
Wanda Hawkins, Richmond, *“Bridge Over Troubled Waters”*
Paul Young, Hagerstown, *“Retired in Kentucky”*

Watercolor: 1st Place – Linda Paddock, Brownsville, *“Teacher’s Vase”*
2nd Place – Dave Thomas, Fountain City, *“Outerbanks, NC”*
3rd Place – Ilene Sparks, Connersville, *“Bridge in Park”*
3rd Place – J.R. Paugh, Rushville *“Hometown Farm”*

Advanced Drawing – Hazel Ailes, Division Champion

Pencil: 1st Place – Dorothy LaMaster, Richmond, *“A Lovely Lady”*

Chalk: 1st Place – Mary DeMais, Richmond, *“The Comfort of Mom”*

Pastel: 1st Place – Hazel Ailes, Connersville, *“Green Gables Garden”*

Amateur Drawing – Bessie Frost, Division Champion

Pencil: 1st Place – Frances “Pat” Tremps, Centerville, *“Boat on Mekong Delta”*
2nd Place – Wanda J. Willis, Richmond, *“Purple Pansy”*
3rd Place – Glenna Van Voorhis, Richmond, *“Spring House Cleaning”*

Pen & Ink: 1st Place – Bessie Frost, Liberty, *“The Old Log House at Berea, Kentucky”*

Open Division – Eleanor Turk, Division Champion

Photography: 1st Place – Eleanor Turk, Richmond, *“Inde Lake Market”*
2nd Place – Virginia Hapner, Richmond, *“Past to Future”*
3rd Place – Tony Shepherd, Liberty *“Green”*

Honorable Mentions: George Chaney, Richmond, *Untitled*
Wilbur R. Clark, Richmond, *“Dogwood in Spring”*
Shirley Wise, Richmond, *“Lulu’s Lily”*

Glasswork: 1st Place – Gene Schultz, Richmond *“Buffalo Indian Dancers”*

Sculpture: 1st Place – Joe Goebel, Richmond, *“Metal Sculpture”*
2nd Place – Dave McConkey, Richmond, *“Mystic Lady of Time”*
3rd Place – Jerry Engle, Lynn, *“American Eagle Plate”*
3rd Place – Chuck Vogelgesang, Centerville, *“Wooden Walnut Bowl”*