



25th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition

September 23 - October 22, 2017

at the

Arts Center of Saint Peter

315 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082

Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.

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Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council



A Note from the Executive Director



Brenda Byron,
Exec. Director

We are pleased to present the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition in cooperation with the Arts Center of Saint Peter. This juried exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting and it provides an opportunity for artists to sell their work.

We especially want to thank the 94 artists who entered the exhibition. We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibit. A total of 159 works of art were submitted for the Regional Exhibition.

The exhibit features 101 pieces of artwork selected by a juror that represents both realistic and abstract work in a variety of mediums.

The juror was Sara Udvig of St. Paul. The jurors comments about the exhibition are on page 8 of the brochure.

Cash Awards totaling \$1,300 will be presented to sixteen artists at the Opening Reception on Saturday, September 23rd. The top five Award winners and eleven artists that received Merit Awards are listed on page 3; and the top five Award winners artwork is on page 4. The four week exhibition continues through October 22, 2017.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the nine county area in south central Minnesota. We provide programs for the development of the local artists, arts organizations and art audiences. The council administers several grant programs with funds appropriated by the **Minnesota State Legislature** and the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis.

In FY 2017 Prairie Lakes awarded 273 arts grants totaling \$464,120. State and Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy grants of \$419,120.

The McKnight Foundation supports our Artist Grant Program which awarded \$45,000 to twenty-seven artists. This includes Artist grants with amounts of \$1,000 and \$3,000. The annual deadlines for the PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grants are September 15th for Professional Mid-Career Artists and January 15th for the \$1,000 Career Development Grant. All grant applications are completed online, and you can find the link to the online portal on our website at www.plrac.org.

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AWARD WINNERS

First Place (\$200)

Gregory Wilkins, Mankato – “Varanasi, India: Portrait Number One”, Mixed Media

Second Place (\$175)

Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato – “Amidu”, Photograph

Third Place (\$150)

Lance Hartzell, New Ulm – “Mother Earth - Mother Board”, Red Clay

Fourth Place (\$125)

Yvonne Cory, Easton – “Indigo Tales”, Fiber

Fifth Place (\$100)

June Newburg, New Ulm – “Turbulent Skies”, Oil Painting

11 MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

Sandra Adams, New Ulm – “A Walk in the Park”, Watercolor

Bruce Blaisdell, Mankato – “Open Segmented Vase”, Wood

Erin Dorney, Mankato – “Safety Every Day p. 81 + 125”, Paper

Deb Groebner, North Mankato – “Tissue”, Encaustic Wax

Susan Hayes, Montgomery – “Elephant”, Batik

Bryan Holland, St. Peter – “Watch”, Oil

Gretchen Kohler, St. Peter – “Sun Rise”, Watercolor

James Muyres, Mankato – “A Millennial View”, Photograph

Jeremy Osborne, St. Peter – “Carousel Horse”, Colored Pencil

Jeremy Redlien, Mankato – “Glen Burke Invents the High 5”, Digital Print

Robert Williams, Vernon Center – “Five Lambs”, Oil

Award Winners



1st Place - \$200

“Varanasi, India: Portrait Number One”,
Mixed Media by **Gregory Wilkins**, Mankato



4th Place - \$125

“Indigo Tales”, Fiber
by **Yvonne Cory**, Easton



2nd Place - \$175

“Amidu”, Photograph by
Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato



3rd Place - \$150

“Mother Earth - Mother
Board”, Red Clay
by **Lance Hartzell**,
New Ulm



5th Place - \$100

“Turbulent Skies” Oil Painting
by **June Newburg**, New Ulm

Exhibiting Artists

Sandra Adams, New Ulm

“A Walk in the Park”, NFS, Watercolor

MERIT AWARD

“Reflections”, NFS, Watercolor

Shawn Bagley, Nicollet

“Cloudy Ski”, \$90, Pottery

Sheila Becker, LeCenter

“1111 Mexico Dreams”, \$170, Mixed Media

Patricia Beilke, Morgan

“Antler Bowl”, \$400, Mule Deer Antler,
Seagrass, Paracord, Rattan, Artificial Sinew

Deanna Bendix, Waseca

“Dreamscape”, \$200, Acrylic

F. Mark Bennett, St. Peter

“Untitled”, \$255, Spray Enamel & Stencil

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter

“Chanteuse”, \$350, Oil

Bruce Blaisdell, Mankato

“Open Segmented Vase”, \$600, Wood

MERIT AWARD

“Paper Wasp Vase”, \$600, Wood

Michael Bolan, Mankato

“Jux-Suppose”, NFS, Acrylic

Shelley Caldwell, Delavan

“Peppergrass (Lepidium Virginicum)”, \$85,
Pen & Ink

Janice Carlson, Gaylord

“Three Horses”, \$90, Mixed Media

Yvonne Cory, Easton

“Indigo Tales”, NFS, Fiber

FOURTH PLACE

Erin Dorney, Mankato

“Safety Every Day p. 81 + 125”, NFS, Paper

MERIT AWARD

“Safety Every Day p. 116 + 169”, NFS, Paper

Peggy Draheim, Mankato

“With Age Comes Wisdom”, \$75, Pencil & Gouache

Carol Edwards, Lake Crystal

“Birch Blaze”, \$500, Pastels

Charles Eggert, St. Peter

“Hjemkomst - The Homecoming”, NFS, Photography

“Shades of Brigadoon”, NFS, Photography

Eugene Erickson, St. Peter

“Feeding One’s Soul”, NFS, Marker

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur

“Segmented”, NFS, Porcelain Necklace

Grace Galvin, Waseca

“Made in Japan”, NFS, Watercolor

Mary Gitter-Zehnder, Mankato

“Eye of the Needle”, \$350, Monoprint

Deb Groebner, North Mankato

“Archaea”, \$200, Encaustic Wax

“Tissue”, \$200, Encaustic Wax

MERIT AWARD

Annette Hartzell, New Ulm

“Navajo Sun”, \$89, Watercolor

“Steely Grays”, NFS, Acrylic

Lance Hartzell, New Ulm

“Mother Earth - Mother Board”, \$275, Red Clay

THIRD PLACE

Susan Hayes, Montgomery

“Elephant”, \$90, Batik

MERIT AWARD

Teresa Heath, St. Peter

“Standing Strong Together”, NFS, Oil

Mara Heinze, Madison Lake

“Green”, \$75, Acrylic

Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato

“Amidu”, \$100, Photography

SECOND PLACE

Exhibiting Artists



Bryan Holland, St. Peter
“Pink”, \$275, Oil

“Watch”, \$250, Oil

MERIT AWARD

Rachel James, St. Peter
“Trees”, \$200, Pen & Ink

Jo Jensen, St. Peter
“Green Envy”, \$170, Fused Glass

Richard Jensen, St. Peter
“Maple Burl Brilliance”, \$400, Wood

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato
“Triple Falls (Bottom)”, \$2,100, Oil

Ann Judkins, North Mankato
“Global Warming”, \$600, Crayon
“Superior Saw”, \$600, Crayon

Char Kahler, Fairmont
“Chief American Horse”, \$300, Batik

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter
“The Dance”, \$225, Stoneware

Sheila Klein, Mapleton
“Playful”, \$50, Mixed Media

Paul Klyve, Waseca
“Plasma Dance”, \$300, Wood

Gretchen Koehler, St. Peter
“Framed Vessel”, \$200, Ceramic
“Sun Rise”, \$100, Watercolor

MERIT AWARD

Dave Kolter, Henderson
“Indian Chief”, NFS, Wood

Virginia La France, St. Peter
“Cukes on the Vine”, NFS, Collage
“Mask With the Floral Eyes”, NFS, Monotype Print

Marjie Laizure, Mankato
“Pamela at the Theatre, Homage to Cassatt”, \$175, Oil
“Red Flats”, \$225, Oil

Margie Larson, Mankato
“View From Sepmann Mill”, \$250, Oil

Sara Leadholm, St. Peter
“Pole Shed & Truck”, \$500, Oil

Geri Leavens, New Ulm
“La La La La Llama”, \$120, Pencil

Ruth Lindemann, New Ulm
“Bean Fields Near Courtland”, \$2,500,
Watercolor & Charcoal
“Summer Home in Vermont”, \$1,500, Watercolor

Dale Looft, Montgomery
“Ocean View”, \$75, Photography
“Rural Sunset”, \$75, Photography

April Malphurs, St. Peter
“Shimmers of Gold”, NFS, Glass Sculpture

Robert Mareda, Kasota
“Hillside View”, \$550, Oil

Gerald Martin, Wells
“Denise”, \$65, Lithograph

Larissa McConnell, St. Peter
“Fluid Turbulence - Octopodes #1”, NFS, Fiber

August Moehrke, St. Peter
“Montana”, NFS, Acrylic

Joel Moline, St. Peter
“Flame Touched”, \$40, Ceramic

James Muyres, Mankato
“A Millennial View”, \$120, Photography
MERIT AWARD

June Newburg, New Ulm
“Stone Roses”, \$1,500, Oil
“Turbulent Skies”, \$500, Oil
FIFTH PLACE

Exhibiting Artists



Ann Obernolte, Elysian

“Rainbow Trees”, \$350, Watercolor

“The Barn Between The Lakes”, \$370, Watercolor

David Olson, St. Peter

“Khurram”, \$700, Oil

Jeremy Osborne, St. Peter

“Carousel Horse”, \$300, Colored Pencil

MERIT AWARD

“Mermaid”, \$280, Colored Pencil

Jeremy Redlien, Mankato

“Glen Burke Invents the High 5”, \$650,
Digital Print

MERIT AWARD

Matthew Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye

“Illumination”, \$100, Photography

Rosemary Shephard, Mankato

“Shapes of Iris”, NFS, Acrylic

Dana Sikkila, North Mankato

“One Less”, \$300, Mixed Media

Emily Stark, St. Peter

“Rural Route Three”, \$60, Photography

Lynette Stauff, LeCenter

“Celestial Rapture”, \$100, Acrylic

“Mermaid’s Delight”, \$100, Acrylic

Carol Stott, Mankato

“Southern Charmer”, \$400, Watercolor

Marilyn Sween, Mankato

“Red Shadows”, \$150, Watercolor

“Woodland Rhythms II”, NFS, Watercolor & Ink

Wes Taylor, Mankato

“Feathered Fan”, \$175, Photography

Dan Theis, St. Peter

“Three Eagles”, \$400, Pencil

“Walt Whitman”, \$400, Pencil

Geraldine Tostenson, Mankato

“Valley Veggies”, \$250, Oil

Noel Van Tol, Mankato

“Henderson Farm, Scenic Hiway”, \$250, Watercolor

Dianne Wagner, North Mankato

“Quiet Time in Grand Marais Bay”, NFS, Watercolor

“Sunlight on Two Harbors Lighthouse”, NFS,
Watercolor

Mary Walchuk, Elysian

“Colorfall”, NFS, Colored Pencil

“Home”, NFS, Collage

Robert Weber, St. Peter

“Catfish Hollow”, NFS, Pencil

Sophia Weisensel, New Ulm

“Portrait of an Artist”, NFS, Oil

Diane Wild, LeCenter

“Abalone Shell & Beaded Collar Neckpiece”, NFS,
Jewelry

Gregory Wilkins, Mankato

“Varanasi, India: Portrait Number One”, \$1,800,
Mixed Media

FIRST PLACE

Robert Williams, Vernon Center

“Five Lambs”, NFS, Oil

MERIT AWARD

Stephanie Williams, Mankato

“Glorified”, \$300, Photography

Gina Windschitl, Sleepy Eye

“Quiet Evening Color”, NFS, Oil

Randy Wood, Mankato

“Lucy”, NFS, Photography

Laurie Zallek Knight, St. Peter

“Underneath”, NFS, Paper

Opening Reception

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

The Artist Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. by Brenda Byron, Executive Director

Sixteen Artists will receive cash awards of \$1,300. See page 3 for details and a list of Artist Awardees.

Artists will be invited to talk about their work at 8:00 p.m.

Juror's Statement for 2017 Exhibition

I'm grateful to all the artists! It was a true privilege to experience the work, think about the work, and to think about what you're thinking about when you're making the work. Overall it was a strong, impressive, technically-masterful collection. It's clear that as a group of artists you are an amazing resource and asset to your community. It is also evident that many artists in the region are thinking very deeply about important issues, and personally - I think that's a large part of why we do what we do. Your work had me asking questions, experiencing joy, contemplating my relationship to land, feeling: warmth from the sun, inner peace, whimsy, and an intense urge to adorn myself with your creation and circle in the mirror. I was compelled by your material choices, and the juxtapositions you created. I did my best to create what I consider a relational, cohesive body of work that demonstrates your high level of talent and ability as artists, thinkers, storytellers and change-makers. Again, I thank you sincerely for your time, energy and commitment to the arts! My selections were based on: level of completeness and professional presentation, dynamic composition, as well as uniqueness of concept and use of media.

Sara K. Udvig is a public artist working at the intersections of community, civic involvement, social justice and livability. In 2017 & 2018, Udvig will dedicate the bulk of her energy to Partnership Art where she'll serve community members in Saint James MN with collaborative projects including: a mixed media mural, a micro-economy on wheels, and the creation of a Plaza space that incorporates landscape art, greening, a community mural, performance spaces for future activation, and more. She has served in volunteer roles with: Convivencia Hispana, Soap Factory, Northern Spark, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, Neighborhood Development Alliance, West Side Community Organization and Growing West Side. Udvig has (gratefully!) received funding from: Art Place America through Partnership Art, MN State Arts Board through the Artists Initiative grant program, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council in partnership with the city of Saint James, and multiple Community Arts grants from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. She received her BA in painting and drawing, and a minor in Spanish from Saint Catherine's University in 2008. She is a 2008 alumni of the Women's Art Institute, and participated in the 2016 Creative Community Leadership Institute through Intermedia Arts and Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership.

Sale of Artwork During the Exhibition

The majority of artwork in the exhibition is for sale. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact the Arts Center of Saint Peter (ACSP). The art center will receive a Commission Fee of 30%, which will be deducted from the price of any works sold during the exhibition. The buyer will pay the ACSP the listed price, and at the end of the exhibition the ACSP will send a check for 70% to the artist. All artwork purchased will remain in the exhibit until its conclusion on October 22, 2017. The purchaser may make arrangements for pickup on or after that date.



The Arts Center of Saint Peter is committed to providing challenging exhibitions, innovative learning opportunities, and cultural enrichment for people of all ages, interests, and abilities. We have a nice gallery space, an active and growing Clay Center and a full calendar of musical, dramatic and educational offerings. Contact us: 507-931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, or www.artscentersp.org.