

Dinosaurs and more featured at this year's Acushnet Art Show



Ryan Feeney/Special to the Advocate Maranda Gray, from Acushnet MA, was a part of the future artist section of the Acushnet Fine Art Festival this past weekend.

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ACUSHNET — Walking in, you never know how many artists will be featured or what mediums will be on hand, but the one thing you can be confident of is that the annual Acushnet Art Show never fails to please. Now in its 55th year, the art show has outgrown its original home at the Russell Memorial Library, when it was a week long event, and is now held at the Council on Aging at 59 1/2 South Main St. This year's event was held on May 17-18.

The number of visitors each year is strong and continues to expand, but the number of artists that participate continues to dwindle. Acushnet resident Diana Couto, who is the driving force behind the scenes, says she worries every year there won't be enough art work to display.

"We're always hoping for young blood to pick up the ball and run with it," she said.

This year's show featured 44 paintings and 16 crafts, but there is always room for more. Entry requirements are simple. Artists must be age 16 and up and Acushnet residents.

Select pieces were also chosen to display in a special exhibit at the COA during the Ford Middle School's Festival of the Arts on May 8.

This year's featured artist is author and illustrator Kristine Daniels, who is in her 20th year of teaching at the Ford Middle School. Ms. Daniels held a book signing at the COA on Sunday in addition to showcasing her work.

Mrs. Couto credits her committee members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication every year. They include; Carl Couto, Patricia Mulvey, Susan Lawrence, Jean Watts, Carol Hall, Michelle Sutcliff and Ronald Gaudette. They are responsible for gathering the prizes to be distributed in each category, typing labels to identify the art pieces, set-up, clean-up and so much more.

The judge's winners for this year's show are, in the following categories:

Oil and Acrylic

1st Place: "The Eagle and Butlers Flat" By Dianna Couto

2nd Place: "Comfort and Joy" By Gloria Richard

3rd Place: "Woodland River" By Mel West

Honorable Mention: "Tom Petty in the Mirror" By Jennifer Parent

Mixed Medium

1st Place: "Embossing on Handmade Paper" By Simone Dalton

2nd Place: "Deuce" By Robert Hall

3rd Place: "Mermaid" By Gloria Richard Chartier

Honorable Mention: "The Musician" By Simone Dalton

Photography

1st Place: "Aged to Perfection" By Doreen Roy

2nd Place: "Humming Bird" by Donna Pimental

3rd Place: "Tulip" By Donna Pimental

Honorable Mention: "Burning Dusk" By Ryan Sutcliffe

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Watercolor

1st Place: "Poppies - Symbol of Remembrance" By Patricia Mulvey

2nd Place: "Three Cats" By Sue Lawrence

3rd Place: "Hitchhiker" Patricia Mulvey

Honorable Mention: "Isle Le Motte Light" By Patricia Mulvey

Crafts

1st Place: "Dinosaur!" By Howard Allen

2nd Place: "Life is a Bowl of Flowers" By Gloria Richard Cartier

3rd Place: "Wooden Car Show" By Raymond Pepin

Honorable Mention: Crayon "Blocks" By Carol Koska

Winners by Popular vote:

1st Place: "Dinosaur!" By Howard Allen

2nd Place: "Poppies - Symbol of Remembrance" By Patricia Mulvey