



24th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition

October 4 - 30, 2016

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 Brenda Byron, Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 24th 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 101 artists who entered the exhibition.** We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibit. A total of 171 works of art were submitted for the Regional Exhibition, which was an increase from last year! **The exhibit features 99 pieces of artwork selected by a juror that represents both realistic and abstract work in a variety of mediums.** Our goal was to increase the number of pieces submitted and accepted and we achieved that! In 2015, 141 pieces were submitted, and 93 pieces were displayed. The juror was Faith Clover 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 Friday, October 7th. 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 30, 2016.

History of the Regional Juried Art Exhibit. The Regional Arts Council and Brenda the Executive Director initiated the first regional exhibit in 1993. We collaborated for three years with Bethany Lutheran College to host the exhibit and display the artwork in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center; in 1996 we displayed the work at the Carnegie Art Center; and in 1998 at the Mankato School of Arts and Crafts. The St. Peter Arts and Heritage Center hosted the regional exhibit in May 1997 and in January 1999 it was held at Schafer Gallery at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Prairie Lakes held the exhibition at the Carnegie Art Center in Mankato from 2000 to 2012. We have collaborated with the Arts Center of Saint Peter to host the exhibit from 2013 to 2016.

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 2016 Prairie Lakes awarded 201 arts grants totaling \$421,125. State and Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy grants of \$375,125 and the McKnight Foundation supported our Artist Grant Program which awarded \$46,000 to thirty-four 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. New this Fiscal Year, 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)

Lance Hartzell, New Ulm – “Poncho Villa”, Red Clay

Second Place (\$175)

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato – “The End of the World (West Face)”, Oil

Third Place (\$150)

LeAnn Gehring-Ryan, North Mankato – “Garnet Berries”, Sterling Silver & Garnet

Fourth Place (\$125)

Margie Larson, Mankato – “The Balm of Rain”, Oil & Cold Wax

Fifth Place (\$100)

Sheila Klein, Mapleton – “Remember When”, Photography

11 MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

Patricia Beckmann, Waseca – “Asian Sisters”, Mixed Media

Patricia Beilke, Morgan – “Woven Rectangular Tray”, Applewood & Cane

Bradley Donner, Waseca – “Gibben Creek Mill – Barn Owl”, Acrylic

Peggy Draheim, Madison Lake – “Layers #2”, Graphite, Acrylic & Marker

Bryan Holland, St. Peter – “Span”, Ceramic, Wax & Tree Branches

Tim James, Good Thunder – “Hagia Triada”, Wood, Steel & Ceramic

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter – “Nouveau”, Sculptural Clay

Gerald Martin, Wells – “Chinese Nightingale 4/12”, Hand Colored Lithograph

Joel Moline, St. Peter – “Early September”, Wood Engraving

Ann Obernolte, Elysian – “Wintry Birch”, Watercolor

Richard Theissen, St. Peter – “First Catch – Peregrine and Partridge”, Acrylic

Award Winners



1st Place - \$200
“Poncho Villa”, Red Clay
by **Lance Hartzell**, New Ulm



4th Place - \$125
“The Balm of Rain”, Oil & Cold Wax
by **Margie Larson**, Mankato



2nd Place - \$175
“The End of the World (West Face)”
Oil Painting by
Andrew Judkins, North Mankato



3rd Place - \$150
“Garnet Berries”,
Sterling Silver &
Garnet by **LeAnn
Gehring-Ryan**,
North Mankato



5th Place - \$100
“Remember When” Photograph
by **Sheila Klein**, Mapleton

Exhibiting Artists



Bernie Anderson, New Richland
“Me & My Stuff”, NFS, Oil

“Summer Greens”, \$800, Oil

Sheila Becker, LeCenter
“Angel #444”, \$250, Watercolor

Patricia Beckmann, Waseca
“Asian Sisters”, \$130, Mixed Media

MERIT AWARD

“Portrait with Red Ribbon”, \$250, Mixed Media

Patricia Beilke, Morgan
“Circles”, \$250, Applewood & Cane

“Woven Rectangular Tray”, \$180,
Applewood & Cane

MERIT AWARD

Deanna Bendix, Waseca
“Diana’s Riddle”, NFS, Acrylic

F. Mark Bennett, St. Peter
“Kaleidoscope”, \$125, Photographs & Floor Tile
Border

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter
“Levitation”, \$125, Digital Drawing

“The Wait”, \$125, Digital Drawing

Lisa Bierer, Mankato
“A Dry and Arid Land”, \$400, Acrylic

“Happy Apples”, \$175, Acrylic on Glass

Anders Bjorling, St. Peter
“Love and Peace”, \$135, Photography

Jeremy Burger, Mankato
“Explore”, NFS, Colored Pencil

Michael Callahan, St. Peter
“Observation Deck”, \$325, Watercolor, Pen & Ink

“Red Dome”, NFS, Watercolor, Pen & Ink

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter
“Mom: Entering the Garden”, \$35, Photography

Jesse Cordes, Sleepy Eye
“Respite”, \$200, Acrylic

Yvonne Cory, Easton
“The Rebirth of Family Wedding Mementos”, NFS,
Fibers

Bradley Donner, Waseca
“Cottontail Rabbit”, \$1,250, Acrylic

“Gribben Creek Mill - Barn Owl”, \$2,850, Acrylic

MERIT AWARD

Peggy Draheim, Madison Lake
“Determined”, \$125, Graphite & Watercolor

“Layers #2”, \$150, Graphite, Acrylic & Marker

MERIT AWARD

Charles Eggert, St. Peter
“Jimson Weed - Homage Georgia O’Keefe”, NFS,
Photography

Martha Elchert, Mankato
“Hubbard Carriage House”, \$400, Watercolor

Eugene Erickson, St. Peter
“A Sketchy Character”, NFS, Pen

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur
“Unchained”, NFS, Porcelain Neckpiece

Claudia Faith, Blue Earth
“Mother Earth”, \$580, Acrylic

LeAnn Gehring-Ryan, North Mankato
“Garnet Berries”, \$450, Sterling Silver & Garnet

THIRD PLACE

Mary Gitter-Zehnder, Mankato
“Undulation”, NFS, Monoprint

Annette Hartzell, New Ulm
“Faded”, \$89, India Ink

“It’s Party Time”, \$115, Watercolor

Lance Hartzell, New Ulm
“Poncho Villa”, NFS, Red Clay

FIRST PLACE

Exhibiting Artists



Susan Hayes, Montgomery
“Sumac”, \$85, Batik

Mara Heinze, Madison Lake
“Machine Shed”, NFS, Acrylic

Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato
“Flow”, \$75, Photography
“The Blues”, \$75, Photography

Mallory Hoffman, North Mankato
“The Gals”, \$75, Polymer Clay

Bryan Holland, St. Peter
“Span”, NFS, Ceramic, Wax & Tree Branches
MERIT AWARD
“String Theory”, \$950, Oil

Tim James, Good Thunder
“Hagia Triada”, NFS, Wood, Steel & Ceramic
MERIT AWARD

Jo Jensen, St. Peter
“Black Magic”, NFS, Fused Glass

Wayne Johnson, LeSueur
“Rock Outcrop”, NFS, Oil
“Still Life With Pears”, NFS, Oil

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato
“The End of the World (West Face)”, \$500, Oil
SECOND PLACE

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter
“Nouveau”, \$250, Sculptural Clay
MERIT AWARD

Sheila Klein, Mapleton
“Creative Energy”, NFS, Photography
“Remember When”, NFS, Photography
FIFTH PLACE

Lianna Koberoski, Mankato
“Early Mornings Making Cows Moooooove”, \$65,
Photography

Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato
“Corrosion”, \$75, Photography

“Grotto Love”, \$75, Photography

Gretchen Koehler, St. Peter
“Aurora Borealis”, NFS, Ceramic Raku

Dave Kolter, Henderson
“Mantauk Lighthouse”, NFS, Wood Sculpture

Virginia La France, St. Peter
“Geo”, NFS, Collage

“The Red Leaf”, \$150, Mixed Media

Marjie Laizure, Mankato
“Afternoon Tango, Buenos Aires”, \$175, Oil
“Beach Read”, \$225, Oil

Margie Larson, Mankato
“The Balm of Rain”, \$500, Oil & Cold Wax
FOURTH PLACE

Woodlin Latocki, Mankato
“Hon-Dah Casino”, \$75, Etching with Chine-Collé

Sara Leadholm, St. Peter
“Locust Street”, \$600, Oil

James Mackey, Mankato
“The Arboretum of Solace Park”, \$300, Acrylic

April Malphurs, St. Peter
“Everlasting Blossoms”, NFS, Glass & Wire

Gerald Martin, Wells
“Chinese Nightingale 4/12”, \$150, Hand Colored
Lithograph
MERIT AWARD

“Karyatid”, \$150, Painting

Joel Moline, St. Peter
“A Bit of Everything”, \$60, Ceramic
“Early September”, \$90, Wood Engraving
MERIT AWARD

Exhibiting Artists



June Newburg, New Ulm
“Deep Water”, \$300, Oil

“When in Rome”, \$2,000, Oil

Ann Obernolte, Elysian
“Hydrangea”, \$375, Watercolor

“Wintry Birch”, \$325, Watercolor

MERIT AWARD

David Olson, Madison Lake
“Eileen”, \$900, Oil

Jeremy Osborne, St. Peter
“Divine”, NFS, Colored Pencil

“Tiny Dancer”, NFS, Colored Pencil

Joan Osborne, St. Peter
“Lotties’ Leaves”, \$38, Drawing

Sean Otis, St. Peter
“Mila”, \$300, Acrylic

Sheryl Paulson, Mankato
“Autumn Grace \$375, Ceramic

Liz Peltola, Mankato
“First Impression”, NFS, Ceramic

Karen Peters, Mankato
“Wine - In the Beginning There was Grapes”, \$300,
Watercolor

Nina Preheim, St. Peter
“The Inspection”, \$55, Porcelain Clay

Charlie Putnam, St. Peter
“Conquest”, \$500, Mixed Media

Julie Quinn, LeCenter
“Out of the Furnace, Into the Fire #1”, \$250, Acrylic

Lillian Robinson, Blue Earth
“Prairie Inukshuk: Meow!”, NFS, Photography

Rosemary Shephard, Mankato
“Contemplation”, NFS, Acrylic

Richard Stockwell, LeSueur
“Dragonfly”, \$475, Photography on Metal

Carol Stott, North Mankato
“Lisbon Back Alley”, \$300, Watercolor

Peggy Tauer, Sleepy Eye
“Book Store Nap”, NFS, Pastel

Richard Theissen, St. Peter
“First Catch - Peregrine and Partridge”, NFS, Acrylic
MERIT AWARD

Whitey Thompson, Waseca
“World”, \$100, Acrylic

Noel Van Tol, Mankato
“Bird of Paradise”, \$250, Watercolor

Reed White, North Mankato
“Amazing Grace”, \$375, Oil

Diane Wild, LeCenter
“Beaded Eagle Art Quilt”, NFS, Mixed Media
“Onyx & Seed Bead Embroidered Necklace”, \$125,
Jewelry

Gregory Wilkins, Mankato
“Varanasi, India: Portrait No. 2”, NFS, Mixed Media

Robert Williams, Vernon Center
“Summer Memories”, NFS, Oil

Denice Woller, Mankato
“Evil Reigns”, \$125, Photography
“School’s Out”, \$125, Photography

Randy Wood, Mankato
“Mobile Home”, \$100, Photography
“Street Musician with Doumbek”, NFS, Photography

Opening Reception

Friday, October 7th, 6:30-8:30 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.

Juror's Statement for 2016 Exhibition

It was my great pleasure to jury this year's entries to the exhibition. The quality of the work was very high, making the selection of awardees challenging. It was also pleasing to discover the range of work from traditional to experimental. This speaks well of the community of artists in the area and the outreach of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Besides the breadth of media represented, the various communities within the region were also widely represented. My selections were based on these factors: the composition of the piece, the technical expertise of the artist, and the ideas or concepts underlying the work. Mindful of the desire to showcase as many artists within the limitations of the exhibition some hard choices had to be made. Finally, the visual appeal of the artworks (which can sometimes be viewed as the subjective opinion of the juror) can't be discounted in making the final selections for awards. Congratulations to the awardees as well as to all the artists who entered this competition! Keep up the good work.

Dr. Faith Clover, of St. Paul juried the exhibit. Dr. Faith Clover retired in 2013 from the University of Minnesota where, since 2000, she taught and was the Art Education program coordinator in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, in the College of Education and Human Development. She taught a total of 40 years, 12 years at the elementary and secondary levels, as district art specialist in Portland, OR and adjunct at Lewis and Clark College for 10 years, and at the university level at the University of Arizona, Arizona State University and at UMN. She remains a member of the National Art Education Association. Since returning to Minnesota she has been an active volunteer with the education activities of the American Swedish Institute and practices many Scandinavian handcrafts. She is a botanical watercolor artist who exhibits locally and nationally and is past president of the Great River Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

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 30, 2016. 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 fresh modern gallery space, an active and growing Clay Center and a full calendar of musical, dramatic and educational offerings. info@artscentersp.org, www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.