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2011 Cleveland Veterans Art Show

Congratulations to this years "Best of Show" Winners



Congratulations to our Best of Show winners at the 2011 Cleveland Veterans Creative Arts Show.

This show awards two Best of Shows—Judges Choice and Peoples Choice. This years Judges Choice was awarded to Desiree Douglas and the Peoples Choice was awarded to Jacob Bernecker.

Desiree created an acrylic painting called Out of the Grey. It is a colorful flower collection sprouting from a grey basket.



Jacob created an acrylic painting called A Rising A Fall. It is a representation of trees during the NE Ohio fall season. Jacob painted this with no hands.



2012 Veterans Art Contest Checklist

- The 2012 Ohio Veterans Art Show will be hosted in early March 2012. Begin your creating ambitions today for the next event.
- All submitted works will comply to the regulations of 2012 National Veterans Creative Art Festival
- For a complete listing of art categories and rules, just contact your local VA or go to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival web for the most current show information.

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/speceven/ca/>

This newsletter and a review of the 2011 Art show is on:

www.BuckeyePVA.org
and
www.OhioWheelchair.com

Show was hosted on March 19, 2011 at VA SCI Unit

The 2011 Cleveland Veterans Creative Art Show was hosted at the Cleveland Wade Park VA Medical Center on the 6th floor SCI Unit Recreation Center. This was our 5th annual show hosted at this site. Our first show was in March 2007 and continues to have a wonderful response of interest.

Special Thanks to everyone who has helped support and promote this annual tradition, including the Ohio VA Staff, Buckeye PVA, and the many other local organizations who have helped with the Veterans since our first show in 2007.



Out of the Grey

Desiree Douglas created her fine art entry Out of the Grey which is an acrylic painting and pencil sketching combination.

Desiree stated that this work was her first creation in a long time and inspired by her growth from some tragic moments in her life. This project had won Judges Choice best of show.



2011 Art Show MC - Amy Riter

Our 2011 Veteran Art Show MC was Amy Riter - the 2010 Ms Wheelchair Ohio winner. Amy has participated in many wheelchair events throughout Ohio during her tenure as Ms 2010 and we are very thankful she had the time in her schedule to be a part of this years event.

Thank You Amy for keeping things rolling at this years show and all that you have accomplished as an adaptive representative to our wheelchair society.



Harry Potter Quilt

This Harry Potter quilt entry was created by Holly Koester for the 2011 Art Show. The quilt represents the four houses of the Harry Potter series. Holly has created many quilts and her talents are well displayed.



A Rising A Fall

This acrylic painting was created by Jacob Bernecker and was inspired by the fall colors of NE Ohio. Jacob was unable to hold a brush with his hands but used

adaptive methods to ambitiously paint this piece by using his mouth as a way to hold the paint brush. This won the Best of Show Peoples Choice in our 2011 competition.

Congratulations Jacob for your awesome ambition and your drive to show us that with a little imagination you can create without any limits. MC Amy Riter presents Jacob with the award.



Shining Down

This creative color photograph from Amy Riter is an image of a single dandelion in a field with the sun's rays shining down onto it.

Amy has actively entered works of art since 2008 and is one of the veterans that help support the success to this annual event. Thank you Amy for making the time to participate in the 2011 Art Show and hope to see you in 2012.



Expired Weather Alert

This color photo was taken by Cory Anderson after a major storm had just passed through and a crack of sunshine was on the horizon to assure that clear skies will soon be evident.

VA's Metamorphic Champions

This monochromatic single color ink drawing was created by Cory Anderson as a tribute to those who help Veteran Wheelchair Athletes reach their goals to become national competitors.

The effort to train one from a recent SCI to an athlete is a difficult task and the talents of the behind the scene are never saluted thus is why this drawing was created. Thanks to all who support

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Thanks to our judges!

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Look for recent events in the menu.

Thanks to our 2011 Cleveland Veterans Creative Art Show judges for their part in making this event a success. For the art show entries to go to the national level, the items need to be judged by five people that are not affiliated with the creations. This year our judges include

Pat Barnum - photographer from the VA media services department

Denise Cooper - Cleveland VA art therapist

Leonard Hallbank - acting president of the Buckeye PVA

Sharon Moster - Buckeye PVA executive director

Terry Tyler - national director of the Buckeye PVA

Thank you for your time and help to support this years event.



Special thanks to the behind the scenes help

Special Thanks to Holly Koester and Sharon Moster of the Buckeye PVA and Aysha McRoberts of the Cleveland VA for their behind the scenes involvement for this years event. It requires a lot of teamwork and ambition to host this event and make it the success like we had this year. Holly and Sharon helped with Buckeye PVA involvement of acquiring the trophies and food trays while Aysha helped with the VA involvement including VA location setup, registration of the art work to the national level, and getting the VA media services involved to handle the documentation. Thanks to our team members for their ambitions and their involvement to make the 2011 Cleveland Veterans Creative Art Show a success..

For information on the 2012 National Creative Arts Festival check out their link at

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/speceven/caf>