

The 87th Annual McLean County Amateur Art Competition-Exhibition



Merwin Medal Winner (Best in Show) - Edward Cimoch

The 87th Annual McLean County Amateur Art Competition-Exhibition Awards Ceremony was Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. The exhibition is on view in MCAC's Brandt Gallery through April 19, 2014.

MCAC received 224 entries for this year's competition. The juror Gerard Erley selected 121 artworks for the exhibition and awarded 25 cash prizes for outstanding works of art by amateur McLean County artists. Originally from Illinois, Gerard Erley is a painter in Columbia, South Carolina. He earned his Master of Science in Painting from Illinois State University in Normal. Erley exhibits his oil painting and pastel landscapes nationally.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Painting – Alyssa Reuter and Blake Anderson

Graphics – Sara Reh and Mallory Walker

Photography – Gabriella Harpel and Christopher Myers

Sculpture – Sydney McLoda and Lizzie Jackson

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Painting – Krista G. Profitt and Omar Khan

Graphics – Margaret Norcross and Dylan Welch

Photography – Bingzie Zhou and Jenny Peters

Sculpture – Margaret Norcross and Brittany Culkowski

ADULTS

Painting – Brad Kalavitinos and Rick Walden Jr.

Graphics – Nathan Parks and Graehound

Photography – Theresa Chambers and Brian Scidmore

Sculpture – m. jo hart and Lourdes S. Payne

Juror's Statement:

My time jurying the 87th Annual Amateur Art Competition/Exhibition was a pleasant challenge. I wish to thank the McLean County Arts Center for allowing me to take part in the process. As expected, there was great variety in the artwork submitted, showcasing the many viewpoints and talents of the individuals who entered the show. From abstraction to realism, from conceptual to functional, from vividly colored to softly muted, the submissions were a visual feast. My hope is that whether an artist's work was included or not, he or she will continue to develop their visual voice and share it with the world.

- Gerard Erley

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