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Osceola Art Festival Winners and Recap

KISSIMMEE, FL – This weekend The Osceola Center for the Arts presented the 41st Annual Osceola Art Festival held November 17th and 18th, 2007 in beautiful historic downtown Kissimmee. The weather was perfect and \$20,000 in prize money was awarded to 31 Local and National Artists:

Best of Show 2-D - \$3,000:

John Gibb, Pastels, Graphics, Drawing (Graphite Drawing)

Best of Show 3-D - \$3,000:

Deborah Barnes, Jewelry

First Place - \$1,000

John E. Thursby, Painting

Margot Trombley, Pastels, Graphics & Drawing

Brad Kelly, Photography

Jim Goshorn, Sculpture, Clay & Ceramics

Douglas Brandon, Jewelry

Bill & Jon Slade, Glass

Brian Sykes, Wood

Rolly Ray Reel, Mixed Media

Michael J. Weber, Judges Choice

Award of Excellence - \$350

Beatrice Athenas, Painting

Jeff Eckert, Pastels, Graphics & Drawing

Ken Laffal, Photography

John Kellum, Sculpture, Clay & Ceramics

James Rockwell, Jewelry

Kellmis Fernandez, Glass
Steven Levine, Wood
Chris Bruno, Mixed Media
C. Duane Small, Metal
Vicki Jones, Judges Choice

Honorable Mention \$150
Scott Coulter, Painting
Kent Ross, Pastels, Graphics & Drawing
Scott Spongberg, Photography
Mark Oehler, Sculpture, Clay & Ceramics
Judy McMillan, Jewelry
Dione Outlaw, Glass
Joel Cole, Wood
Michael D'Andrea, Mixed Media
Gene Wilkenson, Judges Choice
Lou McMurry, Judges Choice

The Judges were Sculptor – Mindy Colton of Orlando, FL and local Art Teacher – Anda Chance of Kissimmee, FL.

In addition to our Festival winners, The Center provided 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons to 21 local school and home school students, 3 Best of Show ribbons, one for each school level – High School, Middle School and Elementary School, as well as a check for \$50 to the teachers of the Best of Show students for class room supplies. The Judge for the Student Booth was Jennifer Zable from the Osceola School District and her assistant, Murray Overstreet, The Center's President of the Board.

The Center would like to thank Osceola School for the Performing Arts, Teacher Patricia Calderon for organizing and bringing 30 students to Toho Square to compete in a Chalk Drawing contest. Ribbons were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

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