

## **2017 State Day Awards**

### **Lodi Art Club Awards - two awards of \$150**

The Lodi Art club has sponsored these awards since 1983 and was the first local art club to establish a state day award. The club hopes the award recipients will use the funds as a means to continue art training or education.

### **Waukesha Creative Arts League Award - one award of \$100**

This award has been sponsored by the Waukesha Creative Arts League since 1993. It is given for outstanding work in any medium.

### **Walworth County Arts Council Award - one award of \$50**

Sponsored by the Walworth County Arts Council, this award has been given since 2002 for outstanding artwork in any medium.

### **Rountree Gallery Award Funded by FOG - one award of \$100**

This award is sponsored by Friends of Our Gallery (FOG), the support organization for the Rountree Gallery in Platteville which has hosted WRAP shows since 2002.

### **Young Artist Award - one award of \$50**

This award was established in 2007 by C.K. Chang and Jean Lang to recognize outstanding work by young artists under the age of 25.

### **Whitewater Arts Alliance Award - one award of \$100**

New in 2008, this award is sponsored by the Whitewater Arts Alliance. The mission of The Whitewater Arts Alliance is to support, promote, and develop the visual and performing arts through an alliance of artists, organizations, businesses, education, and individuals to foster creativity, diversity, and economic vitality in the Whitewater area.

### **Fond du Lac Artists Association Award - one award of \$100**

The Fond du Lac Artists Association has sponsored this award since 2004. The award is given for excellent work in any media.

### **Ada Biddick Award - one award of \$250**

This award was established in 2005 in memory of Ada Biddick, wife of Trelay Farms founder Elmer Biddick and an avid painter and active WRAP participant. Originally sponsored by Trelay Farms of Livingston WI, the award is now sponsored by Brad & Peggy Biddick and is given for excellence in painting, any medium.

### **Joseph E. Burk Memorial Award – one award of \$200**

In 2003 the family of Joseph E. Burk established this memorial award to be given to a WRAA member displaying talent in the area of drawing and painting. Joseph E. Burk was a commercial artist by trade, an instructor at the Waukesha Technical School and past president of WRAA. At age 92 he entered his last art show with a pen and ink sketch at the annual WRAA exhibit and although he won no special recognition that year, he was proud to still be able to produce work worthy of exhibit.

**Aaron & Ruth Bohrod Memorial Award – one award of \$200**

First established in 1977 by well-known Wisconsin artist Aaron Bohrod, this award is now a memorial award honoring Aaron Bohrod and his wife Ruth. It is currently sponsored by Katherine Schmitt and her sisters whose father, Joseph Burk was a good friend of Aaron Bohrod. It is given for "outstanding excellence in painting" and active participation in WRAA.

**Julie Chang Artistic Excellence Awards - two awards of \$100**

These two awards are sponsored by the C.K. & Julie Chang of Madison and are given for outstanding work in painting. They were first awarded in 2003.

**Lakeland Art League Memorial Awards -one award\* of \$50**

Originally established in 1987, the Lakeland Art League sponsors this award, given for outstanding work in any fine arts or craft medium that does not employ "gimmicks". It is hoped that the recipient will use the award as a means of continuing art training or education.

**Catherine Hundt Art Award - one award of \$100**

This award has been given since 2003 and is funded by the Catherine Hundt Scholarship Fund.

**La Crosse Society of Arts and Crafts Awards - two awards of \$50**

Since 1991, the La Crosse Society of Arts and Crafts have sponsored an award for outstanding work in any medium and having a conventional nature without the use of "gadgets" or "gimmicks". In 2006 they increased their sponsorship to two awards.

**Manito Art League Award - one award of \$75**

Since 1998, the Manito Art League has sponsored this award for any fine art medium.

**Five Painters Awards - two awards of \$100**

The Five Painters group from the Madison area has sponsored these two awards since 2003. Current members of the group are C.K. Chang, Terrence Doeler, Mary Ellen Hagenauer, Donna Miller, and David Whitish Scheifel. The awards are given for painting only (oil or acrylic) with recipients selected by the State Judge.

**Headwaters Art League Award - one award of \$50**

The artists of the Headwaters Art League in the Land O' Lakes area of northern Wisconsin began sponsoring this award in 2006 for outstanding artwork in any medium.

**Rural Rembrandt Art Club Founder's Awards - two awards of \$100**

The Rural Rembrandts Art Club from the Wautoma area has sponsored an award since 1995 and currently gives two awards, one for excellence in 2-D work and one for excellence in 3-D work.

**Five Painters Choice Award - one award of \$100**

In 2006, the Five Painters group of Madison began sponsorship of a new award called the Five Painters Choice Award. The recipient of this award is selected by the Five Painters themselves rather than the show judge.

**Chinese Fine Arts Association Awards - two awards of \$50**

The Chinese Fine Art Association is a Madison based nonprofit organization whose focus is to promote and raise awareness of the various Oriental arts, particularly Chinese brush painting and Chinese calligraphy. They have sponsored an award since 2003 and currently give two awards, one to a CFFA member, if possible, and one to a non-member. The recipients are selected by the Chinese Fine Arts Association.

**Stateline Artists Awards – one award of \$50**

The Stateline Artists group has sponsored this award since 1999. An award is given for outstanding 3-D artwork or outstanding 2-D artwork in alternate years. The recipient is selected by the Stateline Artists.

**Mary Lou Lindroth Award - one award of \$100**

This award was started in 2007 and is sponsored by Mary Lou Lindroth who selects the recipient for outstanding work in any medium.

**Shake Rag Alley Award - one award of \$50**

New in 2007, this award is sponsored by Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts, a nonprofit arts education center in Mineral Point. It is given for creative use of materials or design elements.

**Rural Wisconsin Award - one award of \$50**

New in 2007, this award is sponsored by Jean Lang who may select the recipient of the award. It is given to an artist depicting life or scenes of rural Wisconsin - in the old WRAP tradition.

**Sisterhood h'Art Academy Award - one award of \$100**

The Sisterhood h'Art Academy is a group whose members have greatly benefited from WRAA and in turn, are sponsoring an award. Their award recognizes an artist whose work, in the opinion of the Sisterhood h'Art Academy, shows authenticity and captures its essence. In other words, has heart. The award recipient is selected by the Sisterhood h'Art Academy members. The award was established in 2008.

**Carol Betts Chaplin Portraiture Award - one award of \$150**

This award was established in 2009 by JoAnn Hegarty. Carol Betts Chaplin found great joy and fulfillment during her years of involvement with WRAA, especially the years she devoted to the group while serving on the Board. Carol enjoys many forms of art, but is especially drawn to portraits. She loves all living things and knows that portraits can show us the soul of these subjects, whether human or animal.

**Bonnie Johnson Award - one award of \$100**

This award is given in memory of Bonnie Johnson who was an accomplished painter, an active member of WRAA, and one of the Madison Five Painters group. It is sponsored by Bonnie's children.

**Ness-Wood Wildlife Art Award - one award of \$50**

This award is to recognize and promote artwork featuring wildlife artwork. Established in 2011 by the Ness-Wood family, the award is given to a recipient selected by David and Jan Wood.

**Joan Fernan Memorial Award - one award of \$100**

This award was established in 2011 by Ann and Patrick Fernan in memory of their mother, Joan Fernan. Joan enjoyed the group, the people, the critiques and competition that WRAA represents.

**Lucille Saunders Memorial Award - one award of \$100**

This award, sponsored by the Kettle Moraine Fine Arts Guild, is to commemorate the guild's founding member, Lucille Saunders, who passed away in 2010. Lucy was a life-long artist, art instructor, and arts advocate in SW Wisconsin. Her teaching career spanned over 30 years, and for many of those years, she was an art therapist, helping others use their artistic skills to improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Lucy had a long relationship with the Schauer Arts & Activities Center in Hartford, WI. She was a charter member of the center's Board of Trustees. She was instrumental in developing visual arts at the center, conducting workshops and acting as its gallery curator until 2008. In 2000, she organized the Kettle Moraine Fine Arts Guild, which is the visual arts Group-in-Residence at the center. The guild is a growing group of area artists that promotes the visual arts and provides venues for exhibiting and collaboration. Lucy will be remembered for her spirit of volunteerism, her guidance, and for the support and encouragement she showed to everyone.

**Friends of Fred Behlendorf Award - one award of \$50**

This award, established in 2014, is made in honor of Fred Behlendorf recognizing excellence in 2 D art.

**Lancaster High School Innovative Art Techniques Award – one award of varying amount**

This award is sponsored by a very active group of Lancaster High School art students. They fundraise every year by having a "Holiday Craft Sale" held during the first Saturday in November. They would like to support and encourage any artist that demonstrates a contemporary style with exciting new techniques.

**Birds in Art - one award of \$50**

This award is established in 2015 by Vina Yang.

**Berk Award - one award of \$100**

This award is funded by an endowment established in 1985 by Harold C. Berkholz of Fond du Lac WI and is given for creative achievement, excellence in execution and demonstrated artistic creativity.

**Local Coordinator Award – one award of \$100**

Established in 2016 by WRAA Board member Rebecca Herb, this award goes to a WRAP coordinator. The donor chooses the recipient.

**John Barton Library Award - one award of \$100**

The John Barton Awards were established in 1966 by Lela Smith to honor Professor John Barton, Professor of Sociology at UW, who was deeply involved and influential in furthering the cultural welfare of the people of Wisconsin. Originally two awards consisting of an art book selected by the award recipient to be given to the library of their choice in their name. In 2009

the awards were changed to a cash award, and in 2010 the two awards were consolidated into one award with an increased award amount.

#### **Contour Notes Cover Award - three awards of \$25 each**

The Contour Notes Cover Award has been given since the early 1960's and is now funded by WRAA. At the fall board meeting, the WRAA Board of Directors votes on entries submitted by the membership. The three works receiving the most votes each appear on a cover of Contour Notes in the following year, and each receives a \$25 award.

#### **Donna Miller Treasurer's Award - one award of \$50**

The Treasurer's award was established in 1988 by Donna Miller upon her retirement from the WRAA Board of Directors, having served as Treasurer for 12 years. The recipient of the award is selected by Donna for meritorious work in any painting medium. The artwork must be conventional fine art.

#### **Carmen & Eva Beining Award - one award of \$25**

This award was established in 2007 with an endowment from Eva Beining of Platteville. Eva and her late husband Carmen began oil painting in 1979, attended many state shows and won many awards. It is given for landscape, floral or nature painting (not abstract).

#### **Ella Gardner Award - one award of \$50**

This award was established in 2008 by the Gardner family in memory of Ella Gardner, a long time member of WRAA and participant in WRAP. Selected by the Gardner family, the work must be 2-D with a rural theme.

#### **Francis M. Kipp Award for Creativity - one award of \$75**

Award established in 2008 by Lee Fenendael to honor Francis M. Kipp, a family member who although now on in years, often lead the family in exploring their creativity. The intent of this award is to encourage participants to explore and expand their creativity. The underlying vision is "Show me something I haven't seen before." The award recipient is selected by Lee Fenendael.

#### **Edith Miller Award - one award of \$100**

This award was award established in 2014 as a two year award of \$250 by family members in memory of their mother, Edith Miller, who had a great love and passion for WRAA. Edith entered many WRAP shows, served as WRAA president, and was a recipient of the John Stuart Curry award. The children and families of Edith Miller are Linda & Terry Stroud and family, Wayne & Bonnie Miller and Family, Sandra & Warren Lada and family, Patty & Fred Manor and family, Connie & Dale Holthusen and family, and Allen & Robin Miller and family. Donna Miller then extended the funding to continue the award at \$100 per through 2020.

### **2015 Service Awards**

#### **John Stuart Curry Award – engraved silver medal or plaque**

The most prestigious award given by WRAA, the John Stuart Curry medal has been given since 1958 in recognition of outstanding work in promoting art in their area - not for profit, but for the

joy of helping others. It is named after the first Artist in Residence at UW Madison. The recipient is selected by the WRAA Board of Directors at its spring meeting from Nominations from the membership.

**WRAA Memorial Service Award - number and amount of awards vary**

Originally three awards and now one, the WRAA Memorial Service Award was established to honor three board members, Lela Smith, Grace Pendleton and Modesta Macke were killed in an automobile accident on the way to a board meeting. The award is given in recognition of meritorious service in promoting the aims and activities of WRAA. The recipients are selected by the WRAA Board of Directors at the spring meeting from nominations from the membership.

**Berk Service Award – Certificate or Plaque**

This service award is given to an individual or local art group in recognition of achievement in promoting WRAA membership. The recipient is selected by the WRAA Board of Directors at its spring meeting from nominations from the membership.

**Sponsor Awards - two awards of \$75**

The Sponsor Awards were established in 1998 to recognize the contribution of the WRAP regional workshop sponsors. One award is given for the highest number of participating artists and one award is given for the largest increase in participating artists over the previous year. The awards are sponsored by C. K. Chang.

**WRAA Youth Service Award - number and amount of awards vary**

This award was established by WRAA in 2007 and is given for meritorious service in support of Bridging Generations or other youth oriented arts programs. The award is funded by WRAA and the recipient is selected by the WRAA Board of Directors at its spring meeting from nominations submitted by WRAA members.

**James A. Schwalbach Award – one of \$50**

This award was last given in 2010 and then reestablished in 2016 by the niece of James and Mathilda Schwalbach.