

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 age 25 or under.

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.

Joseph E. Burk Memorial Award – one award of \$100

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 \$100

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.

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 oil or acrylic painting.

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 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, when possible, is selected by the Five Painters themselves rather than the show judge.

Chinese Fine Art 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.

Stateline Artists Awards – one award of \$50

The Stateline Artists group has sponsored these awards since 1999. An award is given for outstanding 3-D artwork or outstanding 2-D artwork in alternate years. The recipient may be 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 may select 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. It is given to an artist depicting life or scenes of rural Wisconsin - in the old WRAP tradition.

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 \$100

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 chosen by Jan and David 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.

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 Art Club Innovative Art Technique Award – one award of \$85

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 was established in 2015 by Vina Yang. The winning artwork has an image of birds in either 2-D or 3-D.

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 recipient is chosen by the donor.

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. In the fall 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 award is given for meritorious work in painting.

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 traditional landscape, floral or nature painting.

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 a member of the Gardner family, the work must be 2-D and generally 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."

Edith Miller Award - one award of \$100

This award was originally 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 Steuart Curry award. The children of Edith Miller are the families of Linda & Terry Stroud, Wayne & Bonnie Miller, Sandra & Warren Lada, Patty & Fred Manor, Connie & Dale Holthusen, and Allen & Robin Miller. Donna Miller graciously extended the funding to continue the award at \$100 per year through 2020.

2017 Service Awards**John Steuart Curry Award – engraved plaque**

The most prestigious award given by WRAA, the John Steuart Curry Award, 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 from nominations from the membership.

WRAA Memorial Service Award – three awards of \$75

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

Berk Service Award – 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 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. and Julie Chang.

WRAA Youth Service Award - one award of \$100

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