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2018 Arti Gras Winners Announced

The Leawood Stage Company, Arts Council, and the Leawood Foundation were thrilled by the success of the seventh annual Arti Gras Juried Art Show that was held February 16th through 18th, 2018. The show was not only a great success in the number of attendees but most importantly in the support from the art community. The 93 outstanding local artists submitted an impressive body of 127 works that included many styles and mediums.

The Arts Council was honored to have the assistance of guest juror, Michael Dean of Leawood Fine Arts at Camelot Court.

Congratulations to the following:

- Best in Show – Loreta Feeback, “Innocence”, Pastel Painting
- Juror’s Choice – Jill Tichneur, “Waiting for Him”, Pastel Painting
- First Place, Photography– Ric Cummings, “Haitian Quarryman”
- First Place Drawing & Painting – Dawn Thomas, “Sunrise at the Pottery Market”, Watercolor Painting
- First Place, 3 Dimensional – Dierk Van Keppel, “White Zanfirico Boat”, Glass

Honorable Mention (in alphabetical order)

- Patty Baker “Friendly Faces in Liberia”, Acrylic Painting
- Linda J. Brown “Un Momento”, Photography
- Don Dane – “Got Her Dallied”, Watercolor Painting
- Brian Divelbiss, “Halfpipe”, Photography
- Gayle Faulkner, “Folded, Flavored, Furred, Fantastic”, Watercolor Painting
- Cynthia Litwer, “Blues Explosion”, Glass Mosaic on Guitar
- Jim Mathis, “Cowboy”, Photography

- Jim Ramsey, “Ski Slope”, Wood
- John Richardson, “Between Storms”, Oil Painting
- Dick Stein, “Over the Tracks”, Photography

Attendees voted for their favorite pieces during the run of the show. The “King’s Choice” winner is:

- “Indian Creek Spectator”, Photograph by Ramon Magee.

Proceeds from the event go to the Leawood Foundation to fund future projects and to the Leawood Stage Company for the Performing Arts Fund.

Both the Leawood Foundation and Leawood Stage Company are 501(c)(3) not for profit organizations. The mission of the Leawood Foundation is to provide resources for activities and projects that might not be provided through tax dollars. The Leawood Foundation is committed to promoting cultural, educational and environmental activities and projects that enrich the lives of our residents and our community.

Leawood Stage Company’s mission is to offer residents of Leawood and the surrounding area the experience of Community Theater as participants, spectators and patrons. We enhance the quality of life for all through theatrical productions, educational programming and community engagement.