

2017 Sault Summer Arts Festival Award Winners



The 45th Annual Sault Summer Arts Festival was held August 1, 2017, on the beautiful campus of Lake Superior State University. Award winners were:

Three-hundred-dollar **OLIVE CRAIG BEST OF SHOW AWARD**, given by the Olive Craig Gallery: Jeanne Tubman, Sault, MI oil painter

One-hundred-fifty-dollar **PAINTING AWARD** given by the Le Sault Artists Guild: Zoey Wood Salomon. The Sault, Ontario artists paints in the traditional Woodland Indian tradition.

One-hundred-fifty-dollar **BEST OF CRAFTS AWARD**, given jointly by National Office Products and Printing and the Art Store: Renee Hillock. The Dafter multi-media artist displayed both paintings and fibers. The award was given for her fiber work.

Seventy-five-dollar **JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD**: Mark Besteman. The Rudyard wood worker makes rustic outdoor furniture.

The following are all fifty-dollar awards.

AARRE LAHTI DESIGN AWARD, given by the Sault Area Arts Council: Schmid-Marken Designs. The LaPorte, Indiana. The Schmidt-Markens make decorated stoneware pottery.

JEWELRY AWARD, given by Mark Dobias, Attorney: Paul Baker. The Las Vegas artists designs and makes jewelry using dichromatic glass under the label of "Touch of Glaz".

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FIBER ARTS AWARD, given by Leanne and Gary Deuman: Judith Dam. The Florida seamstress designs and makes fairy tale clothing for children.

GRAPHICS AWARD, given by Cooper Dental: Anthony Strubic. The Marinette, Wisconsin artist produces finely detailed pencil drawings of ships and lighthouse with a focus on Great Lakes shipping.

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD, given by Thomas J. Veum, Leanne Barnes Deuman and Michael T. Veum, Attorneys: Mark Markusic. The East Leroy, Michigan artist specializes in Michigan scenic photography.

POTTERY AWARD, given by Soo Co-op Credit Union: Mark Kozma. Kozma is a North Carolina based potter.

WOOD AWARD, given by Michael Bryce Winnick, Attorney: Mike Schroeder. The Suttons Bay artist sculpts Petoskey stone as well as crafting rustic furniture.

YVONNE PEER GLASS AWARD: Rick Shapero. Shapero is a Cedarville blown glass artist.

AWARD FOR BEST DISPLAY: Claire Rettenmund. The Flint, Michigan artist displays both watercolor paintings and hand painted silk scarves.

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS went to Norris Seward for his wood furniture and to Mary Stroba for her oil paintings. Both are Sault, Michigan artists.

The 2017 festival judge was William Morrison, art teacher, blacksmith and multi-media artist. The Annual Sault Summer Arts Festival is a public service of the Sault Area Arts Council and Lake Superior State University.

