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AREA ARTISTS RECEIVE AWARDS

[Midland] – Dr. Mia Dvornic, director of the Northwood Gallery in Midland, and Janet I. Martineau, Arts and Entertainment Editor at *The Saginaw News*, have judged the “*Best Friends: Dogs and Cats in Art*” exhibit, on view in the Creative Spirit Center gallery through August 29, and selected prizewinners. Light-hearted prize names, selected to evoke the fun and frolic of competitive dog and cat shows, belie the high quality of the art. A watercolor painting by Rosemary Hayes of Birch Run, “Feline Fantasia,” was named by the judges as Best in Show. This work, popular with gallery visitors of all ages throughout the summer, also received the People’s Choice award for Cat Best of Breed and Best in Show. It takes the viewer inside a colorful goldfish bowl into which a cat gazes, mesmerized. The artist received a \$100 prize.

Jan List’s assemblage constructed with wire and papier-maché, “Escaped Cat from Heidelberg Street,” was named Cat Best of Breed by the judges and Molly Warren Haycock’s ceramic mobile “Hot Dog,” was named Dog Best of Breed. The name of List’s piece links the artwork to Detroit’s Heidelberg Project, known for its vision of turning an entire neighborhood into a work of art, and recognized as one of the most influential art environments in the world. Haycock’s work can be viewed from two sides and reflects the artist’s fascination with the unexpected. Each of the two Midland artists received a \$50 prize.

FranceAnn Schrems of Saginaw received the People’s Choice Award for Dog Best of Breed for her large acrylic painting “Buda.”

All prizewinners, as well as 40 other pieces, are on exhibit at Creative Spirit Center from 9 – 5 Monday through Friday, and during scheduled evening and weekend hours. There is no charge to gallery visitors.

About Creative Spirit Center

Creative Spirit Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 1994. The Center’s mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, conferences, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

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[Note: JPGs of art mentioned in this release attached separately: “Feline Fantasia” by Rosemary Hayes; “Hot Dog” by Molly Warren Haycock (2 views); “Escaped Cat from Heidelberg Street,” Jan List; “Buda,” by FranceAnn Schrems]

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