

## ArtFest55 Prizewinners Announced at Creative 360

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**Midland** -- At the opening reception for the art exhibit **Anniversaries: Looking Back, Looking Forward** on June 18, prizewinners were announced for the art show as well as for the creative writing competition **Sentimental Journeys**. Both activities are a part of ArtFest55, Creative 360's summer festival celebrating the creativity of people 55 and older.

The **Anniversaries** exhibit, featuring 66 works by 39 Great Lakes Bay Region artists, was juried by Midland artist Armin Mersmann. The exhibit also includes "Chasm," a work by the jurist.

The art prizes awarded are as follows:

Best 2D	"Enchanter," pencil drawing by Larry D. Butcher of Midland
Best 3D	"A Gaggle of Gourds in Transformative Flight," mixed media with dried gourds by Jan List of Midland
Best Photography	"Decades," photomontage triptych by Cynthia Keefe of Midland
Honorable Mention	"Drat, There's a Bird on My Hat," fiber, by Sharon Pettijohn Hill of Midland "There is a Season," watercolor, by Rebecca Houck of Auburn "Hey, Mehaffey," watercolor/mixed media by Mari Zimmerman-Thompson of Freeland "Mother Nature's Anniversary," clay, by Barbe Pulver of Midland

The **Sentimental Journeys** creative writing competition was judged by Betty J. Van Ochten and Marion Frahm Tincknell, both published poets, of Saginaw. Their work appears in, among other volumes, "Celebrating Poets Over 70," published in 2010 by McMaster Centre for Gerontological Studies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

The writing prizes awarded are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize, short stories	“Finchie,” by Carol Rumba of Midland
1 <sup>st</sup> prize, memoirs	“Threshers,” by Joy A. Walter of Saginaw
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize, memoirs	“No Pictures for My Lola,” by Elodia B. Resendez of Midland
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize, memoirs	“The Mid 1930’s,” by Colleen J. Van Conett of Saginaw

The winning works will be printed in a festival booklet available at Creative 360 after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

On July 16, the talent show **Senior Moments** will provide a showcase for performing artists 55 and older. Two shows, at 2.30 and 7 pm, feature music, dance, comedy, skits, and other entertainment. Free admission is offered to both shows, with a \$3 donation suggested. Performers from Midland, Bay, or Saginaw County can register by phoning 989-837-1885 by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

On August 20, Creative 360 hosts a free showing of the documentary movie *Young@Heart*, the story of a Canadian choral group with singers from their mid-70’s through mid-90’s. The film has previously been shown on PBS stations and has received international distribution. Following the 6.30 pm screening, a panel discussion about creativity late in life features ArtFest55 Co-Chair Rosemary Hayes, Creativity 360 Director Sarah Gorman, and others.

ArtFest55 concludes on Labor Day, with the **Anniversaries** exhibit on view throughout the summer. Gallery admission is free, with donations suggested.

ArtFest55 is sponsored by Chemical Bank Trust and Investment Management Services and Independence Village of Midland, with additional support from Morley Companies, Inc., MidMichigan Health, and Willows Salon & Day Spa in Saginaw.

### **About Creative 360**

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness 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, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit [www.becreative360.org](http://www.becreative360.org) for more information about programs, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy of the current schedule.

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