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ST. JOSEPH FOUNDATION HOSTS ART SHOW CEREMONY

St. Joseph Health System Foundation hosted a Meet the Artist Award Ceremony for the Fall Huron Shoreline Art Show on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 5pm. Twenty-six artists submitted 104 works of art for the jury's consideration, 87 pieces were selected by medium representing all 26 local artists. The artwork is currently on display at St. Joseph Hospital until January 10, 2010.

Awards were presented to, Best of Show with "Elegy" a watercolor by Sammy Luce, First Place with "Constant Summer" a watercolor by Sr. Marie Benzing, Second Place with "Try to Remember" a mixed media by Betty Fahselt-Senter, and Third Place with "Blue Bird Sings" a mixed media by Deborah Simms.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Karen Jonker, Marie Benzing, Tom Krueger, Bob Kunz, Barbara Verlac, Betty Fahselt-Senter, JoAnn Morgan and William Seguin. Other artists featured in the show include: Claudia Jo Blanchard, Beverly Chase, Dean Coombs, Roger Eriksson, George Falkenhagen, Dorothy Griffin, Connie Henry, Peggy Little, Thelma Mitchell, Carol Preuss, Hannah Roberts, Julia Rohde, Lesa Schlagel, Sharon Steckert, Denise Willis and Penny Wojahn.

Theresa DeLage, Project Coordinator for the art show said, "We were honored to have so many local artists share their talent with us. All of the artwork reinforces our mission of healing through visual art. We have received overwhelming positive feedback from the art show from patients, visitors and associates of the health system."

All art work is available for purchase to the public. Artists donate 20% of their commission back to the Foundation for purchase of local art work for patient rooms. SJHS Foundation also offers free tours to local service groups or organizations. For more information on the Fall Huron Shores Art Show, please call the Foundation at (989) 362-0159.

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