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2019 CDAF Juried Arts Competition Awards

STARKVILLE, MS -

As part of its efforts to promote fine arts, the Cotton District Arts Festival hosts an annual Juried Arts Exhibit. Winners for Starkville Area Arts Council's 2019 CDAF Juried Arts Exhibit were announced on April 13 at the gallery showing in the Visual Arts Center Gallery at MSU. An extended showing of this Exhibit is currently on display in the lobby of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership until May 11. A closing reception is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 5:30 in the Partnership Lobby.

Each year, the Cotton District Arts Festival hosts a carefully juried arts exhibit, showing works from local and regional artists ages 18 and older. To be selected is an honor in itself. This year's juror was Kate Cherry, the Executive Director for the Meridian Museum of Arts. This year's winners in each category are as follows:

Best in Show

Helene Fielder, Magnetic North (ceramics)

2D

1st Place

Carol Roark, Chillin on a Dirt Road

2nd Place

Allison Julian, Rebirth

3D

1st Place

Mark Brown, Figurehead Series (no. 12)

2nd Place

Michelle Neumann, Pedestal with a Vine

Photography & Graphic Design

1st Place

Suzanne Powney, A Play on Color: Interaction of Color in Letterpress

2nd Place

Jeremy Murdock, Brooklyn Chapel, Leflore County, Mississippi



Merit Awards – Named Sponsor Awards

Donors sponsor prizes that function as special recognition for outstanding works, as selected by the Juror. These prizes are paid to the artists for the works listed below.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Ammons

Joe MacGown, Anthrobryoc Naid

Mrs. Barbara Walker in Memory of Ron Walker

Dylan Karges, Two Pines, Orange Sky

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Ormon

Julia Graber, Exotic Tree

Mr. Paul Murray

Glenn Payne, Panhandler

Dr. Jim and Mrs. Suzy Turner in Memory of Jane M. Persian

Vicki Burnett, Curb Appeal

Dr. Jim and Mrs. Suzy Turner in Memory of Jane M. Persian

Jessica Hughes, Cotton Blossom

Dr. Jim and Mrs. Suzy Turner in Memory of Marion M. Turner

Holly Johnson, Waiting at Bristol, Temple Meads

Mr. Frank Chiles

Jeanette Jarmon, Fairy World

About SAAC

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$25,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. The Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Development Authority, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at www.starkvillearts.org.

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