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Orange County students' art shown at a Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo courtesy of Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council.

## The Timeless Art of the Lake of the Woods Artisans

By Barbara Wimble  
Correspondent

Located in the northeastern tip of Orange County, Lake of the Woods is a private, planned residential community of single-family homes built around a man-made lake. Developed in 1967, it has evolved into a population of year-round and seasonal residents who enjoy the many recreational, social, and cultural offerings. There are 4,100 houses on 2,600 acres with a total population of approximately 9,500 people, making it the most populated area in Orange County.

Earlier this year, I attended a party at the home of Elaine and Joe Freeland in Lake of the Woods. It was my first visit to this wonderful development, and I

was quite taken with the beauty of the setting and the residents I met. The Freelands dazzled me with the amazing pottery they made and displayed throughout their house. I met some of their neighbors, and I learned that there is a large community of talented and diverse artisans within Lake of the

Woods who show and sell their artwork at an annual art show. I wanted to know more about them and was delighted to meet several of these gifted folks at a Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council meeting.

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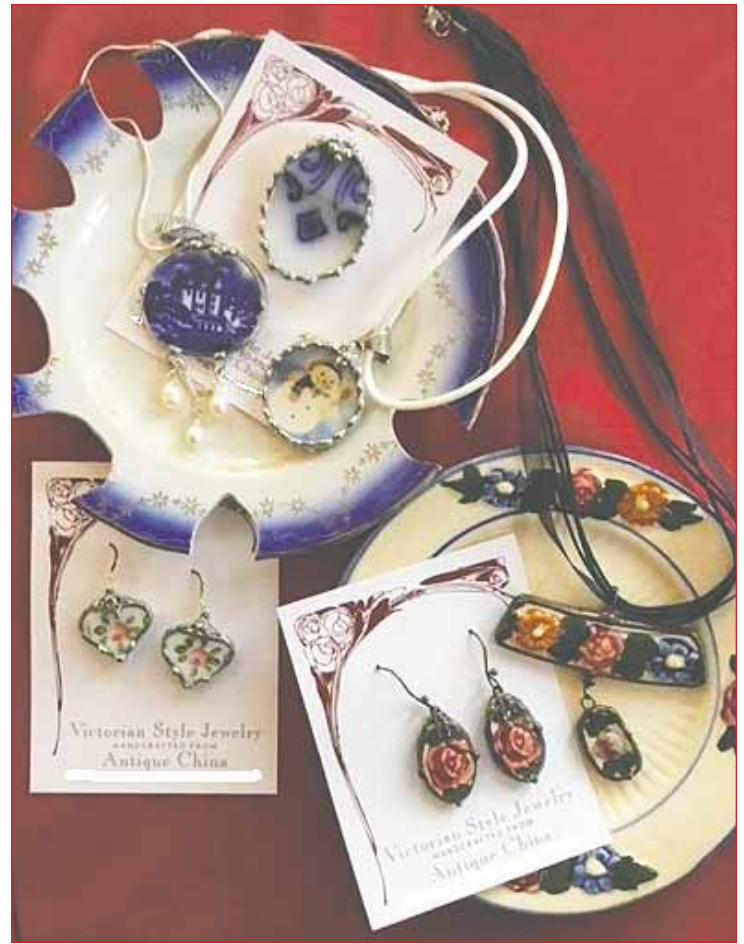
Photographer Marco de Vito captured the picturesque lake at Lake of the Woods at sunset. Photo courtesy of Marco de Vito. Cover designed by Marilyn Ellinger.



Raffle items to benefit the school arts programs donated by the Lake of the Woods artisans. Pottery by Joe and Elaine Freeland, an oil painting by Peter Brown, a watercolor by Patty Bell, and a stained glass art class by Toni Ruther. Photo courtesy of Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council.



Artisan Toni Ruther in front of a commissioned stained glass magnolia piece she made. Photo courtesy of Toni Ruther.



A sampling of Toni Ruther's exquisite jewelry made from antique china dishes. Photo courtesy of Toni Ruther.

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#### Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council's 36th Art Show

The Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council hosted its first show in 1982. The Arts Show has grown to welcome an average of 500 attendees and 45 artisans exhibiting and selling their art. This year's show will be held on September 28 and 29 at the Lake of the Woods Community Center.

All of the artisans are members of the Lake of the Woods Arts Council. They give back to the Orange County community by donating 15% of the total intake of the Show, including the table fees and what is sold and auctioned off, to Orange County art teachers for their classroom needs. They donated \$1,700 in 2017 and \$3,600 in 2018.

In past years, the Show has included art that Orange County art students created in their classrooms. This year, for the first time, Orange County art teachers were given 24x36 canvases for their students to make a poster for the Show. Each teacher



A sampling of the beautiful pottery created by Joe and Elaine Freeland. Photo courtesy of Joe and Elaine Freeland.

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will determine how to engage their students in this project. Each poster will be raffled, and it will be exciting to see what the students create!

Other raffle items to benefit the school arts programs will be generously donated by the artisans. This year the raffle will include pottery by Joe and Elaine Freeland, an oil painting by Peter Brown, a watercolor by Patty Bell, and a stained glass art class by Toni Ruther.

Show attendees can look forward to seeing a wide range of visual arts, including multi-media artwork, books, floral designs, needlework and quilts, photography, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, and wood art – something for everybody!

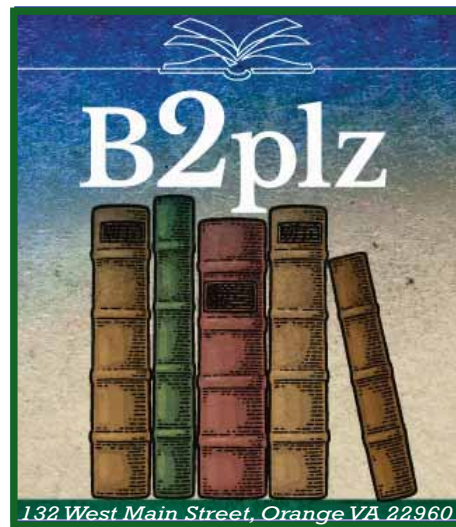
Let's meet some of the multi-talented artisans who will be exhibiting or selling their creations at the Show.

### The Potters

Potters Elaine and Joe Freeland were both software engineers at Lockheed Martin in Northern Virginia before retiring to Lake of the Woods. They designed and built their house with a pottery studio in mind, and one-third of the house is devoted to their studio that faces the lake.

They became fascinated with pottery when visiting New Mexico and marveled at the distinctive hand-coiled pots. But it was not until 20 years later that Joe found himself inspired while sitting at

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Potter Elaine Freeland shows off one her beautiful platters. Photo courtesy of Joe and Elaine Freeland.

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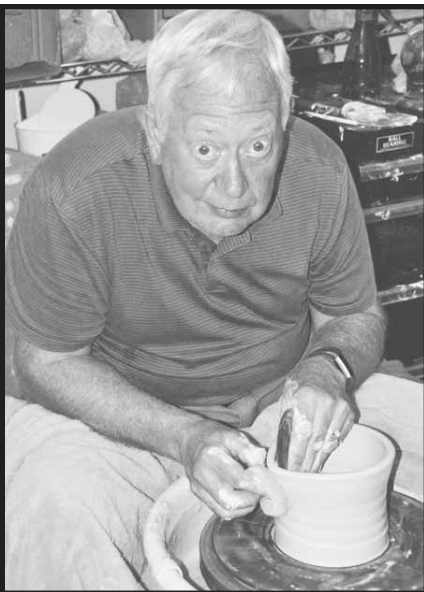


Artisan Toni Ruther with some of her exquisite jewelry made from antique china and stained glass that will be for sale at the Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

They make beautiful pottery together, sometimes copying antique or ancient designs. As Elaine says, "Working with clay helps to keep our lives 'centered.'"

### The Antique China and Stained Glass Artist

Toni Ruther makes exquisite jewelry from antique china. Her jewelry is not your everyday bling! She creates one-of-a-kind pieces from charming old china. She loves



Potter Joe Freeland working at his pottery wheel. Photo courtesy of Joe and Elaine Freeland.

a potter's wheel in a class in Manassas. Elaine joined at a later date and still finds classes to be an inspiration. Elaine and Joe create a variety of pottery from platters, berry bowls, and brie-baking dishes to intricate vases and wind chimes. They



Pat Leib shows off some of her quilts she will be selling at the Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

the old patterns, and Flow Blue is the most popular and recognized china pattern that she uses. She makes custom pieces, such as brooches or pendants, for families who want a keepsake of their treasured family china.

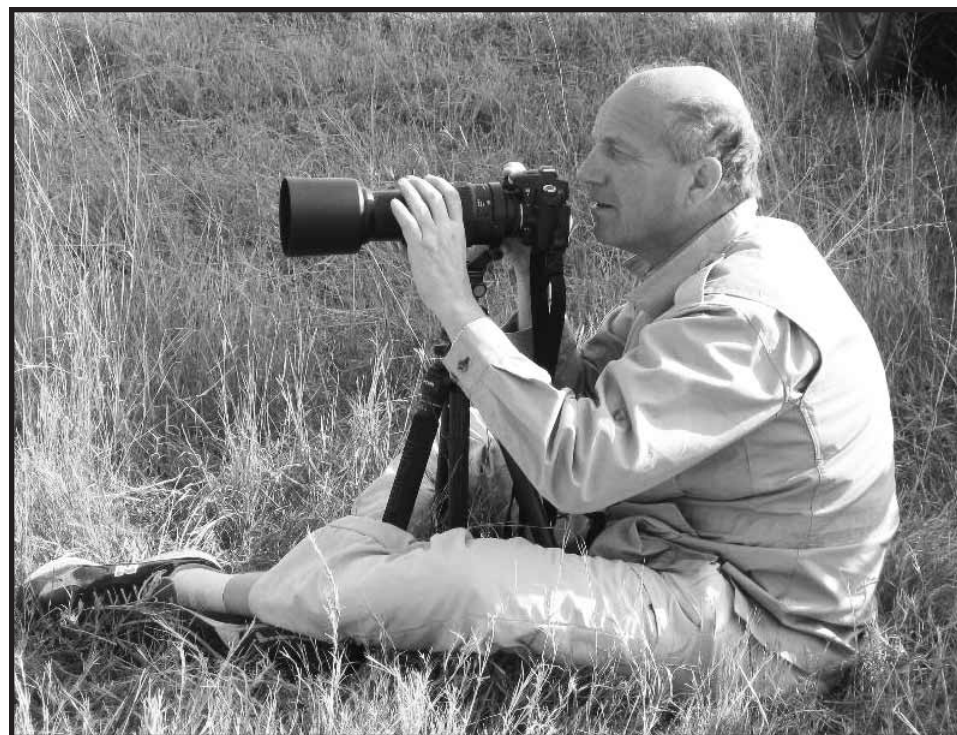
For 25 years, Toni has also been creating beautiful stained glass. She retired from the State Department and Environmental Protection Agency, but she is not really "retired" – she is very busy with her "Timeless Patterns" business. She also sells her jewelry at a gallery in the Outer Banks and will host a show in their home in November. Her husband Jack designs the images for their clients. They have created swans, geese, lighthouses, angels, and stained glass windows featuring the lake. A graduate of the Corcoran School of Art, Jack retired from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He designed the last two series of U.S. paper money (except the \$1 and \$100 bills). What a talented team they make!

### The Quilter

Among the many needlework artisans at Lake of the Woods is a group that calls itself the "Closet Quilters." The group is comprised of 15 quilters who meet in the craft room at the Community Center. One of the members, Pat Lieb, who is originally from Pennsylvania, learned how to quilt from a book 30 years ago. She creates mostly small pieces such as baby quilts and wall hangings to sell, but keeps the larger quilts she makes for her family. She will be selling some of her lovely quilts at the Show.

### The Photographer

Marco de Vito, a retired government contract executive, started serious photography 15 years ago. While he was traveling in Egypt, his point and shoot camera jammed with sand while he was taking pictures in the desert. His friend lent him his more sophisticated DSLR (digital single-lens reflex camera) and, after 30 minutes of using it, Marco was hooked. He enjoys being outside and finds photography to be a good escape. His subjects are mostly landscapes and animals and, as he



Photographer Marco de Vito in position to take a photo of wildlife on safari in Africa. Photo courtesy of Marco de Vito.

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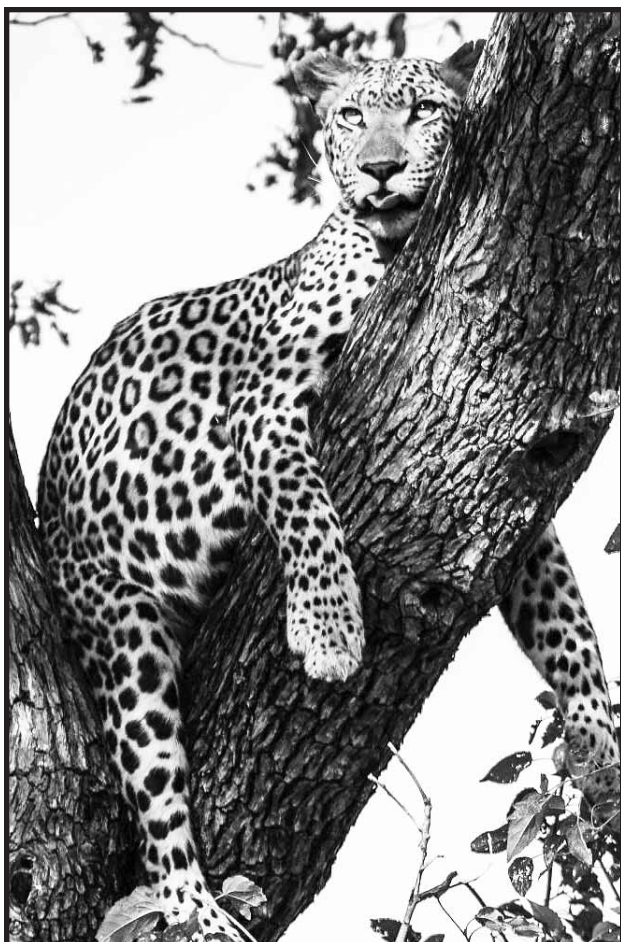
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Photographer Marco de Vito captured a shot of a elephants while on safari in Africa. Photo courtesy of Marco de Vito.



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says, "Every picture has a story." He is involved in the Lake of the Woods photography club, which has about 15 members who have all ranges of experiences with photography. They help each other out with feedback about their work and take trips together to see and photograph new places. Marco will exhibit many of his amazing photographs, some award-winning, at the Show.

**The Artists**

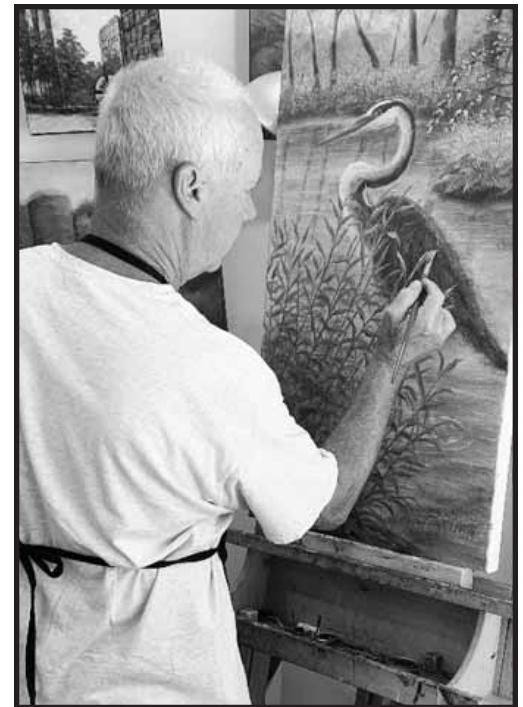
Patty Bell, a native of California, retired from a varied career, including being the Executive Director of a Girl Scout Council. She has been doing art on and off for 50 years. Patty enjoys painting animals and people she photographs first, catching her subjects unaware in candid poses. Working with art medium from watercolors to pastels, she paints in her home studio, which has a glorious view of the lake and plenty of light and room. She mats and frames all of her art-

work and will be selling her cards and prints at the Show.

After retiring from a career in broadcasting, Peter Brown and his wife moved to Lake of the Woods. He painted in his 20s before he got a "real job." It wasn't until he retired that he became more serious about art and took classes. He works in oils and acrylics, mostly painting landscapes, seascapes, and some florals. He aspires to paint daily, but his painting has slowed down due to his involvement in the many Lake of the Woods activities, including being on the Board of Directors of the Lake of the Woods Association.



Artist Patty Bell at her work table in her studio cutting a mat. She is looking up for the photo but would never look up while cutting a mat! Photo courtesy of Patty Bell.



Artist Peter Brown at his easel. Photo courtesy of Peter Brown.

Originally from Massachusetts, Cindi Steele lived in New Hampshire, California, and the Shenandoah Valley before moving to Lake of the Woods. She finds painting a way to relax and has been doing art for most of her life. She took art classes in school and had a career in interior design. She now does commissioned pastel portraits of children and adults that are drawn from the photos of her subjects. Cindi will show her art, and her husband Joe, also an artist, will be exhibiting his still-life pencil drawings.



Artist Cindi Steele with some of her lovely paintings that will be shown at the Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

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## Special Family Fun at Mineral Farmer's Market



The Mineral Farmer's Market will have a special family fun day on **September 28th, 2019**. "Happy Fall, Y'all!" will take place at 81 Louisa Avenue in the Town of Mineral, and feature lots of kid's games and activities, live animals, and good things to eat.

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Artist Sallie Wallace exhibiting some of her paintings that will be shown at Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

Sallie Wallace dreamed of being a nurse from the time she was three years old, and that's all she ever wanted to do. Her dream was realized, and she worked in all areas of nursing, including teaching, in a variety of hospitals. Originally from Pennsylvania, Sallie lived all over as a military wife. She traveled every weekend to find a home on the water, and she eventually found Lake of the Woods. She finds so many things, especially the lake and the wildlife, that inspire her to paint. She has been painting on and off since she was seven years old and paints "whatever captures her eye" using oils and acrylics. Look for Sallie's exquisite paintings at the Show.

### The Authors

Lake of the Woods is home to several prolific and published writers who will be selling their books at the Show. They belong to the "Lake Authors of the Wilderness" group that "supports and educates writers in polishing, promoting and selling their work." This eclectic group, started in 2011, currently has 22 members who meet monthly to inspire and motivate each other. They sell their books at festivals and online through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. In 2017, the group co-authored a collection of stories, poems, and memoir pieces entitled *Holiday Musings*. In 2018, the group published *Lake Authors of the Wilderness Cookbook*, a collection of the authors' treasured family recipes, which celebrate the talents and diversity of the writers.

As a child growing up in Texas, Melinda Crocker spent hot summers daydreaming and reading adventure and mysteries such as Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, and Sherlock Holmes. She wanted to travel to the places she read about and create her own adventures. Suspense is her passion and, after a career as a bookkeeper, she is now a published writer of mysteries. She calls her first series "Seasons of Suspense" wherein all the women protagonists are named for a season. Melinda has three books in print now – *The Truth About Autumn*, *Chasing Winter*, and *Where Has Summer Gone?* Her fourth and last in the series will be *Killing Spring*. What adventures and mysteries from her imagination next await her readers? Melinda's first novel was based in the remote mountains of New Mexico, where she lived for several years. Her travels to the Caribbean inspired her second book, and her third takes place in a lake community – much like the one where she lives. (Names have been changed to protect the innocent.) Melinda moved to Virginia from Northern California to be closer to her daughter in Alexandria. She says that her daughter's

involvement in law enforcement has been a terrific source for her books.

A native of Illinois, Judy Hill moved to Lake of the Woods after retiring from the Pentagon. A business writer for most of her career, she published her first historical fiction novel under her pen name J. Allen Hill. (She used her maiden name and initial to be gender neutral.) She took ten years to write her first book, *The Secret Diary of Ewan Macrae*, about a Scottish immigrant coming to pre-Revolutionary War America. Her second book, *The Cause – The Odyssey of Daniel Grant*, is about a rebellious and curious farm boy who walked across Virginia into the Revolutionary War. Her third, a collection of short stories about people dealing with life, is entitled *A Walk in the Woods and Other Journeys*. She is currently working on *The Summer of My Eleventh Birthday*, which takes place in the Outer Banks during World War II. As a history lover, Judy said that she wanted to go back in time and write about people living in her own history and beyond. The Revolutionary War era is her favorite. She knew she could make the Founding Fathers real, not just paper figures, puppets playing a part, or icons. She loves her characters, both real and imaginary, and works hard to make them into living, breathing people.

Growing up in an Army family, Allita Irby lived throughout the United States and in Germany. She retired from a career with Verizon and the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission. A book lover and avid reader her whole life, she was inspired by authors Terry McMillan and Toni Morrison. For years, Allita was a member of a book club in Maryland that together wrote a novel about a book club, "Fourth Sunday, The Journey of a Book Club" using the pseudonym B.W. Read (for "because we read") that was published by Simon & Schuster. In addition to being a writer, she is also a mixed-media artist who uses traditional media and found objects (known as collage and assemblage). She exhibited her art previous years, and this year she will be offering her fiction and poetry books for sale.

Lois Powell grew up in Connecticut and later lived in Long Island, where she taught writing. She and her husband, a school principal (now deceased), had a summer home at Lake of the Woods and retired there. She enjoys playing tennis, golf, swimming, reading and, of course, writing. Lois loves writing all types of stories but especially children's books. Her first book, *Samantha's Big Challenge*, is about a little girl's struggle in learning how to ride a bike and overcoming her fears to help her grandmother. She was inspired to write the book watching little girls in her neighborhood learning to ride bikes on her street. Her character Samantha returns



Author Lois Powell with a Samantha doll from her books. Photo courtesy of Lois Powell.



Lake Authors of the Wilderness writers display some of their books to be sold at the Show. (L-R) Carolyn Zacheis, Lois Powell, Judy Hill, Arlene Rich, Melinda Crocker, and Allita Irby. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

in her second book *Samantha and Her New Friend* that deals with peanut allergy challenges. Lois also has had several of her poems published by The International Poetry Society.

A New York native, Arlene Rich writes in a genre different from the spectrum of mysteries and children's book of the other writers. She is a spiritual medium, advanced clinical hypnotherapist, interfaith minister, and spiritual counselor who has published two books on her experiences with the spirit world. Arlene said that her grandmother, to whom she was devoted, died when she was nine, and then appeared and talked to her. She said that others followed later. She has seen "dead people" her whole life and thus became interested in delving into her own spirituality and studying about the spirit world. She feels that she has been given her psychic gifts to help others and wrote *Memoir of a Medium – A Bridge to the Other Side*, and a "how to" book, *Awakening Your Psychic Power – A Medium's Guide*. Arlene also has written the first novel in her "Destiny of Lovers" series – *Ancient Lovers Never Forget*. Her characters stories take place over many lifetimes and locations. She is working on her next book, *Love is Eternal*. You will enjoy meeting Arlene and perhaps even have your cards read!



Lake Authors of the Wilderness author Suzi Weinert's Garage Sale mystery series has been made into 15 Hallmark Channel's television movies.  
Photo courtesy of Suzi Weinert.

Suzi Weinert writes about garage sales in her mystery series. During frequent moves with her husband while he was in the Army, she experienced the challenges of decorating her new homes and discovered thrift stores, local bazaars, and flea markets. She especially enjoyed looking for treasures at garage and estate sales, although she had a scary experience at one that prompted her to scribble her experience down on paper. This essay became the start of her first book *Garage Sale Stalker: Garage Sale Diamonds*, and *Garage Sale Riddle* followed, and she is now working on her fourth in the series – *Woman at the Garage Sale*. The Hallmark Movie & Mystery channel has made 15 full-length movies based on her books, and she was invited to watch the filming of the first movie in Vancouver! Her mysteries take place in McClean, Virginia, where she and her husband lived after his retirement from the Army. They lived at Lake of the Woods for 20 years in a house her husband designed on the back of an envelope. Although they now live in Northern Virginia, she is still active with the Lake Authors of the Wilderness Club, and will be selling her books at the Show. As she warned, "We think of them [garage sales] as safe places – but my books may change your mind." Creepy – I can't wait to read one of her books!

Carolyn Zacheis is originally from Texas and lived in New York before moving to Virginia. When thinking of a nom de plume for her novels, she found that there were



Author Arlene Rich doing an intuitive card reading with cards she designed.  
Photo courtesy of Arlene Rich.

many authors with the name Courtright, her maiden name, and she decided that "Court" was a good name for a romance and suspense writer, and therefore writes under the name Carolyn Court. Her stories center around lighthouses, and she has written four in her "Sea Crest Lighthouse" series. Her first novel is *The Heart of the Lightkeeper's Daughter* and she currently is in the "thinking stage" for her fifth. Through her work for airlines and travel agencies, Carolyn traveled the world and visited many lighthouses. She was drawn to their history and the courageous lives and heroic spirit of the lighthouse keepers. She learned that there were many women lighthouse keepers who saved lots of lives. Her settings are fictitious, but are based on real occurrences. She notes that her novels appeal to lighthouses lovers who enjoy history, travel, and ancestry. What a romantic and intriguing combination!

### Life is Short, Art is Long

I had a wonderful art teacher in sixth grade who wrote in my autograph book, "Life is short, art is long." I always remembered that adage and the world of art to which she introduced me. In that vein, the legacy of these Lake of the Woods artisans is that they will long be remembered for their talent and gifts, and for their generous donations to art education in Orange County schools.

The Lake of the Woods Arts Council is a diverse group from all over the globe who live in one of the most beautiful and inspiring settings in Orange County. Come to the Show to meet them and the other artisans and see their wonderful creations for yourself!

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**The Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council Show will be held September 28 and 29 (Saturday and Sunday) at the Lake of the Woods Community Center, 110 Sweetbriar Park Road, Locust Grove, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lake of the Woods is a gated community, and attendees will admitted through the main gate on Route 3.**

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## Crossword by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Farm youngster
- 5 Drink served with marshmallows
- 10 Kind of rock
- 14 Olfactory assault
- 15 To no \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Bud holder
- 17 NASA scrub
- 18 Insignificant
- 20 Some pots and pans
- 22 Pencil part
- 23 Basketball position
- 24 Submarine detector
- 26 Poet Angelou
- 28 Empathizing with
- 32 Neighborhood
- 35 Bing, bang or boom
- 37 Dove call
- 38 Pizazz
- 39 Jeweler's unit
- 40 Stern
- 41 Feel sick
- 42 Hotel employee
- 43 Like under-cooked eggs
- 44 Florida beach
- 46 Kind of grin
- 48 Expenditure
- 50 As a precaution
- 54 Be a snitch
- 57 Biblical son
- 59 Inconsequential
- 61 Aussie pal
- 62 Camping shelter
- 63 Present occasion
- 64 Like some proportions

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- 65 Not had by
- 66 Like Neil Diamond's Caroline
- 67 Cost of living?
- 10 Bird sanctuary
- 11 Vehicles for hire
- 12 Archipelago part
- 13 Forest forager
- 19 Fireplace fixture
- 21 Whip mark
- 25 Morphine, e.g.
- 27 Like clocks with hands
- 29 Desktop item
- 30 Verb preceder
- 31 Like slasher films
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
- 33 Mixed dish
- 34 Peaceful
- 36 Metal in rocks
- 39 Water carriers
- 40 American folk instrument
- 42 Olympics event
- 43 Watermelon waste
- 45 Chip source
- 47 Shade of purple
- 49 Express
- 51 Wide open
- 52 Gown material
- 53 Choose for office
- 54 "Jackson 5" member
- 55 Prayer ender
- 56 Foursome led by Leonardo, briefly
- 58 Marathon, e.g.
- 60 Column's counterpart

## Crossword Answers page 15



Adalia Rose Aparicio-Jones 1st Place Winner. Photo courtesy of Beate Casati



John Hujik -2nd place: Little League Baseball.

# Orange County Merchants Sponsor "My Gordonsville Summer" Art Contest

By Carol Barfield  
Correspondent



Maeve-4th place: Main Street Post Office. All photos by Beate Casati

In beautiful downtown Gordonsville, there is a small boutique gallery named Cavallo Gallery and Framing. Beate Casati, the owner, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts while attending the Corcoran Gallery School of Art in Washington, DC. She made Gordonsville her home in 2017. The gallery, filled with light and color, has a dual atmosphere; one part of the business is a custom frame studio, and the other section called 'Cavallo Verde' showcases artisan gifts, green beauty products, organic teas and chocolates and modern handmade jewelry. It makes for lovely browsing, and the store was bustling with happy shoppers.

During an Orange County Tourism meeting, Beate and fellow businesswoman and friend Annie Gould (of Annie Gould Gallery), brainstormed a new event that would serve as a showcase for young local artists and prove

interesting to tourists passing through the area. Children ages 7-12 were invited to get creative and use art to show what they loved about Gordonsville. Annie generously donated art supplies to the entrants, and the special event was advertised locally and on the "Friends of Gordonsville" Facebook page. The new post office branch building at 117 South Main Street served as the gallery for the final exhibit. 1st and 2nd place winners were awarded gifts of cash prizes donated by Beate and Cavallo Gallery; 3rd place received a cash prize from Linda Wise of Gordonsville Antiques, and the 4th place winner earned a gift certificate donated by Craig Hartman of Barbeque Exchange.

"It was really nice that local business owners got together to sponsor this event. It is important to me to show support for the community we live and do business in," Beate shared.



Jim and Tom Colby: 3rd place Gordonsville Pool.

Twenty-three local entrants responded. These young artists went above and beyond in their creativity, sharing stories next to their artwork which made the event even more special. Pam Black, a local artist and University teacher, and Susan Northington, a practicing artist at McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville, judged the event, providing constructive comments to the entrants.

First place winner Adalia Rose Aparicio-Jones did an amazing collage, almost a mosaic, out of paint chips. She explains, "My piece is about my grandma's garden and butterflies in Gordonsville." Second place winner John Hujik's art reflected his favorite sport; "My favorite thing was playing baseball and getting to bat with the Little League!" Third place was awarded to brothers Jim and Tom Colby; "The pool is one of our favorite places in Gordonsville." Fourth place was by Maeve; "My piece is about our awesome Main Street and the new post

office, because I love to send letters and write and receive letters." An honorable mention was awarded to Tucker Davis; "I am an aspiring young artist. I love to draw and paint and enjoy hiking in the mountains."

Beate relates, "In an exciting coinci-



Honorable mention: Tucker Davis

dence, as we were hanging the show at the post office, Abigail Spanberger was here in Gordonsville advocating broadband service to our area. She is the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 7th congressional district. Bob Coiner, our mayor, brought her up to see the exhibition. The picture can be found on the 'Friends of Gordonsville' Facebook page."

Congratulations to the young Gordonsville artists, and to the local business community who supports them!

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Artist Cindi Steele's beautiful painting "O Holy Night" she presented to the Wayne Hills Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Virginia. Photo courtesy of Cindi Steele.



Photographer Marco de Vito captured the beauty of Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. Photo courtesy of Marco de Vito.



Orange County students' art shown at a Lake of the Woods Arts Show. Photo courtesy of Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council.



Author Melinda Crocker with her books at last year's Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council show. Photo courtesy of Melinda Crocker.

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