

This art exhibit was draw-dropping and brush-takingly beautiful



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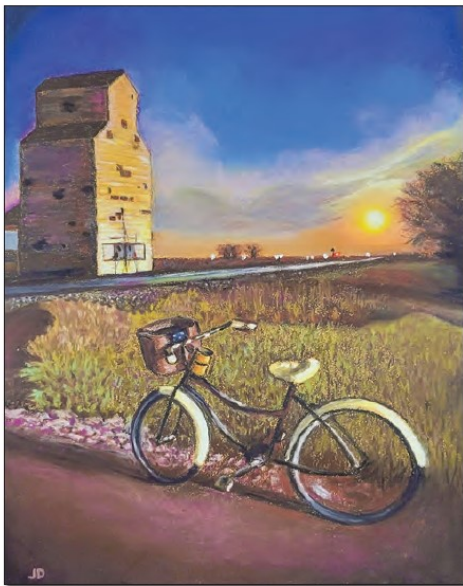
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Brookelynn Chipelski.



Youth ages 14 - 19 winner
Ava Blair.



Theme Category winner Joel Desjardins.



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The judges for this art show were Ben Davis and Leona Herzog.



Best in Show winner Glenda Cairna Poirier.



Peoples Choice winner Kerri Wilson.

The 45th annual Westman Juried Art Show took place the afternoon of Sunday, April 28 at the Kenton Community Hall in Kenton, Manitoba. The event was hosted by the Hamiota Mid-West Art Club. The judges had their work cut out for them, as they had to critique 103 pieces of submitted works completed by 61 artists.

Since 1979, the Westman Region Juried Art Show has been an annual event organized by the Arts West Council and hosted by various arts clubs and councils in the Westman Region of Manitoba. The purpose of the show is to provide amateur and emerging artists a venue for professional critique and to show the general public. Arts West Council member Gerry Oliver was the afternoon emcee.

The judges for this art show were Leona Herzog who graduated with a BFA in 1975, and completed a Master of Arts and visual artist Ben Davis who has an expanded practice, working across a diverse range of media and approaches.

There were four winners in the youth categories sponsored by Janzen's Paints and Decorating and the New System Store.

Youth ages 11 - 13 two winners. Brookelynn Chipelski of Foxwarren for her piece "Truck in Field" and Raelynn McNair of Binscarth for her piece "Looking for the Light".

Youth ages 14 - 19 two winners. Charlie McGowan of Brandon for his untitled piece and Ava Blair of Killarney for her piece "Mystery Man".

Best in Show was sponsored by Gerry Oliver. This was presented to the most outstanding work in the Juried show as selected by the jurors. The winner was Glenda Cairns Poirier of Sinclair with her piece "Mid-Century Mule".

The theme this year for the theme category was 'Chasing the Light'. There were 38 entries in this category alone. This category was sponsored by Lasting Image. The most outstanding entry in this theme was Joel Desjardins of Virden for his piece "On a Bike Ride".

The last category was the People's Choice also sponsored by Lasting Image. The crowd had an opportunity to select their favourite piece and submit a secret ballot during the show on Sunday. Kerri Wilson of Hamiota with her piece "Imagine" gathered the most votes.

Twenty pieces from the show were selected to be a part of the Westman Travelling Gallery. This gallery has begun its journey at the Hamiota Heritage Centre in Hamiota. It is a must see.

Ten pieces were also selected for an exhibition in the Rural and Northern Art Show sponsored by the Manitoba Arts Network. This art show will be Aug 1-24 at MB Arts Network, 210 Princess St, Winnipeg. The Online Show is available Aug - Sept <https://artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca>.