

Four winners emerge at Maple Syrup Festival Juried Art and Photography Show

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Warkworth – Four winners emerged from the 16th annual Maple Syrup Festival Juried Art and Photography Show hosted by the Spirit of the Hills Northumberland Hill Arts Association.

“We had 75 entries, 28 artists and from that the adjudicator chose the 48 which will be on display at the Ah! Arts and Heritage Centre this weekend,” said Judy Hopkins, who has been involved with the show for the past eight years and took over the role of chair for 2016.

“We had artists enter from throughout Northumberland County from Cobourg, Port Hope, Baltimore, Grafton, Castleton, Hastings, Warkworth and Campbellford

“This was a member juried show so all are members of Spirit of the Hills.” James Campbell, curator and executive director of the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, was adjudicator for the day.

The judge chose the following show winners:

Best in Show - “Alec” by Dania Madera-Lerman of Havelock was chosen because “the painting radiates energy, sound movement and music,” said Campbell.

Best Painting winner was “Behind Main Street” by Olga Neihuys of Grafton. The judge commented that the painting, “Is interesting on many levels. It has a haunting, dreamlike quality to it due to the absence of figures. It is an interesting choice of subject and vantage point. The painting has a

Honourable Mention went to Julie MacDonald of Warkworth for her painting entitled “Canada’s Wonderland”. The judge said “the painting is bursting with vital colour and motion, a wonderful overlap of colour using acrylic on paper.”

Best Photograph was won by Carey Campbell Dinkel of Warkworth. Campbell described her photo as, “A captivating composition, beautifully organic with branches like tendrils. The branches assume human forms – very visceral.”

Honorable Mention went to Tom Groot of Grafton for his photo “High on a Windy Hill”. The judge said that the photo was “a striking image ... timeless forms of rolling hills and shadows with the sky cutting through. It also has contemporary energy with the turbines”.

Best 3D/Mixed Media winner was Georgina Schaeff of Warkworth for her sculpture “Woman of Summer”. Campbell observed that the Plaster of

Paris and clay sculpture of a woman seated was, “wonderful and brave with a bold fusion of materials, wonderfully textured. She exudes a physical presence.”

Honorable Mention went to Suzanne Towns of Campbellford for her fibre piece called “Lichen 4”. The judge said, “It’s beautifully organic, softened material, a wonderful fusion of organic life form and a functional vase.”

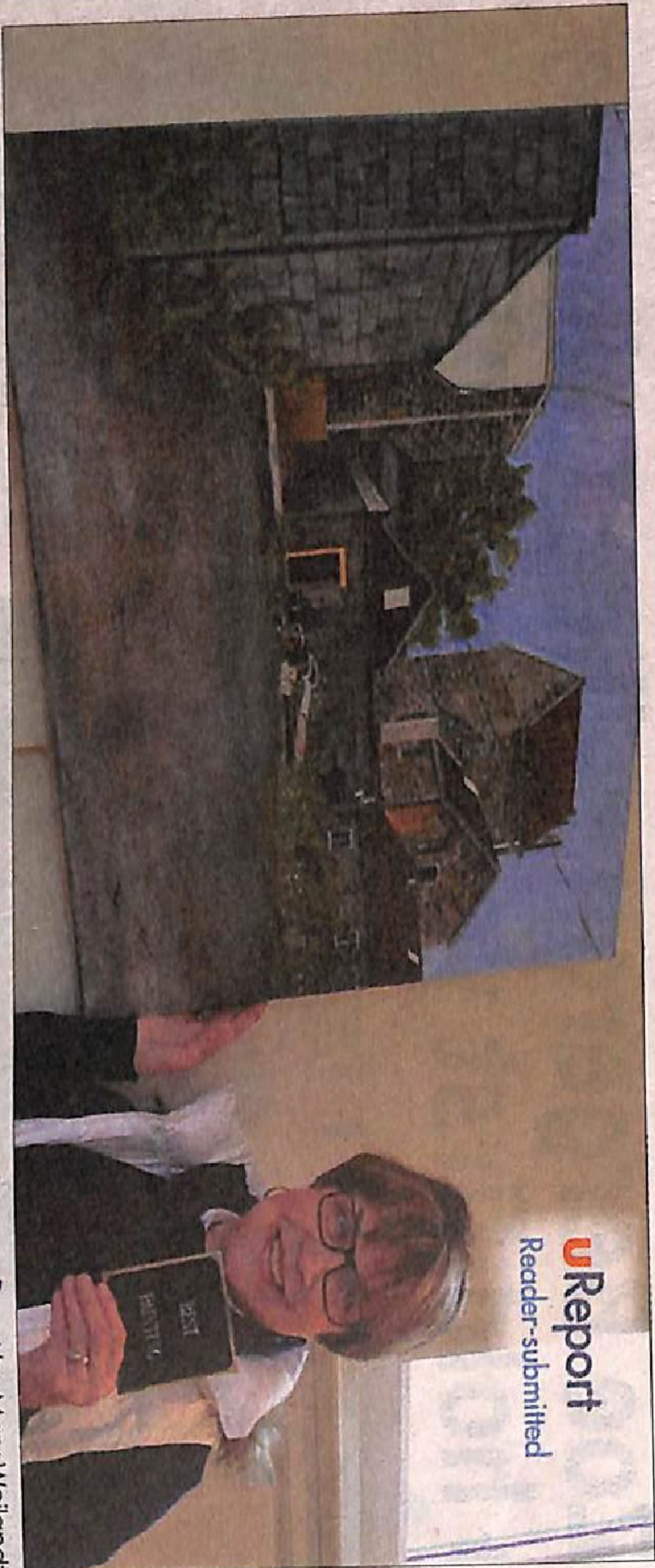
A gala reception will be held Friday, March 11 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Ah! hall and winners will receive their prizes at that time.

The show is held in conjunction with Warkworth’s Maple Syrup Festival and will showcase the entries on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ah! Centre.

“We’re trying to capture the crowds that come to the maple syrup festival each year. Last year we had about 800 people that came through the hall,” Hopkins said.



Olga Nienhuys from Grafton won best painting with her acrylic on canvas called “Behind Main Street” entry. Photo by Sue Dickens



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NORTHUMBERLAND News reader Mary Weilandt submitted this photo of Cobourg artist Olga Neihuys and her prize-winning painting “Behind Main Street”. The painting will be on display during Warkworth’s Maple Syrup Festival on March 12 and 13. Join our uReport team by submitting your news photo to northnews@northumberlandnews.com. Your photo may be selected to appear in our print editions and on our website. northumberlandnews.com

Northumberland artists display work at Spirit of the Hills show during Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival

NORTHUMBERLAND -- Artists and photographers from across Northumberland County are featured in Spirit of the Hills 16th annual Juried Art and Photography Show, held in conjunction with Warkworth’s Maple Syrup Festival running March 12-13.

The Spirit of the Hills group is dedicated to promoting all creative art forms and traditions in Northumberland County,

including the performing and visual arts, media, design and literary arts.

Four artists were selected as winners by judge James Campbell, executive director and curator of the visual arts centre of Clarington: “Alec” by Havelock artist Dania Madera-Lerman won best in show; “Behind Main Street” by Cobourg artist Olga Neihuys won best painting; “Nature’s Embrace” by Warkworth artist

Carey Campbell won best photograph and “Woman of Summer” by Warkworth artist Georgina Schaeff won best 3D/mixed media.

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