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THE 2012 CLEVELAND DISABLED VETERANS ART SHOW IS A COLLECTION OF ART FROM DISABLED VETERANS WHO GET TOGETHER AT THE CLEVELAND VA TO HELP PROMOTE A CONNECTION AMONGST PEERS WHO SHARE THE SAME AMBITIONS AND CHALLENGES TO CREATE ART.

THIS YEAR WAS THE 8TH ANNUAL SHOW

THE ARTISTS WISH TO SHARE A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT.

2012 Cleveland Disabled Veterans Creative Arts Show

EDITION EIGHT

MAY 2012

Jeweled Sunset takes the show!



Jeweled Sunset, a watercolor and tempura painting from Desiree Douglas, was the star of this years Cleveland Disabled Veterans Art Show. This paint creation was honored with both Judges Choice and Peoples Choice honors.

Desiree stated that this painting was painted using a watercolor background to get the colors of the sky

and then she used a sponge technique to acquire the effect of the tree leaves. She was very happy to be honored by this years Judges and People Choice Awards.

To the right you see Desiree posing with our 2012 judges, (from the left) Rick DeChant Shirley Carington and Tom Sweeney. Congrats Desiree!!



Addiction

by Amy Jo Riter received 2012 Best of Show

Amy expressed a creative writing entry poem called Addiction that was well received by the judges and those who attended this years art event.

Amy wrote this poem based on some personal experiences with close friends who had been through the ugly stages of drug addiction and what it took to get clean from this drama.

Congrats Amy on Best of Show!!

Various types of art entries were entered this year by our veteran contestants. They ranged from acrylic, water color and oil painting to pencil sketch and photos. Some even dared into sculpture, quilts and live performances as Darrel McCauley took the spotlight playing the National Anthem on his guitar. Several veterans added creative writing entries into contributed to the event. Amy Riter and Cory Anderson expressed their poems to the audience.

The 2012 Cleveland Disabled Veterans Creative Art Show hosted a well rounded display of talent and much personal expression as each entry had a story that went with it. Thanks to those who took the time to create such talented ambitions and participate with this years annual event. Below are some of the images of the art displayed within the Cleveland VA showcase. The following pages will show some of the separate entries.



Art is everywhere in and outside of you!

Music



Darrel McCauley with his limited edition "Veterans" Martin guitar plays the National Anthem as his 2012 live performance entry. Darrel has been playing guitar since he was 15 years old and has a passion for this musical instrument. Thanks Darrel for your ambition and continued support for this event!

Serenity is a drawing created by Dan Verderber

Paint



Peace is a multi media created by Dennis Minnifield



Wayward Wind is an acrylic from George Cleveland



Flowers is a drawing created by Amy Joe Riter

Photo



Spring - (Amy Jo Riter) - is a photograph of a spring hatching of some birds in a nest that was in a grapevine. Amy then added some similar décor of the grapevine twisting around the frame of the photo to give the appearance of looking through the vines to see the image.



Media

Multi

The Watchers is a n acrylic created by Wardsey Gates



All About Benjamin' is a drawing created by Wardsey Gates



Bridge to Nowhere is a watercolor created by Mike Henson



The Club is an color drawing created by Carby Bailly



No Bones and Froggy are quilts created by Holly Koester



pencil

Sketch

Quilting

Brush

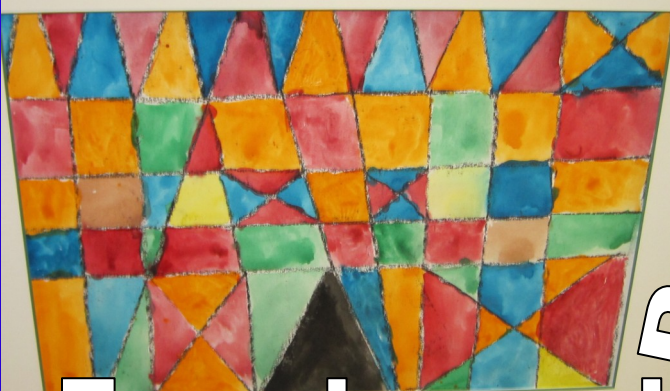
Watercolor

Imagination



Colorado Autumn and Light at Fort Story are both watercolors from Desiree Douglas.
Below are some other random creations that were in the 2012 Cleveland Disabled Veteran collection.

Paste



Freedom within Creativity

Enraged
Sculpture by
John Sweasy



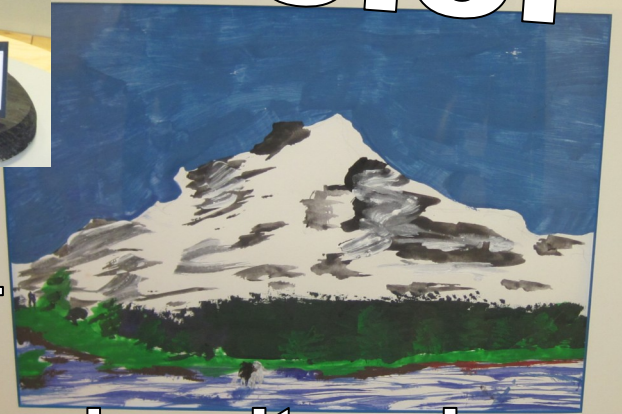
Color

Scribble

Reflections
within a
Shattered
Stereotype
is an acrylic
from Cory
Anderson



Sculpture



Close your eyes and see how it evolves



The 2012 Cleveland Disabled Veterans Art Show onlookers patiently awaited as the honored judges calculated their scores and announced the winners for this year. Our Judges included (from the left) Tom Sweeney, owner of the Sweeney Group Inc, Rick DeChant, Executive Director of Tri C Veteran Programs, and Shirley Carrington, a Tri C Administrator. Special Thanks to our 2012 Judges as their job was most important and stressful. They have the hardest part to pick who will win each year. The winners are on the front cover page.



Many thanks to those who helped support this 2012 Cleveland Disabled Veterans Art Show.

2012 Judges

Rick DeChant - Executive Director
Cuyahoga Community College (Tri C) Veteran Programs

Shirley Carrington -Tri C Administrator

Tom Sweeney - Owner of Sweeney Group Inc

2012 Event Support

Denise Cooper - Cleveland VA Art Therapist

Janelle Howard - Cleveland VA Rec Therapist

Holly Koester - Buckeye PVA Support

Erick Vignal - Cleveland VA Multi Media Specialist

Thanks to all of the organizations who have supported this years 2012 event.



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**Special Thanks to everyone
who participated and showed up to this years show
and continuously helps to support
our disabled veterans rehabilitation!**

Hope you enjoyed some of the creations at our 8th annual event and maybe you will take an interest and create some ambition that will be entered into the

2013 Cleveland Disabled Veterans Art Show

which will be hosted in the Spring of 2013.

Remember that this event follows the rules of the
National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
and you can google any regulations if you wish to have your creation
entered into a national level.

<http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/caf/index.asp>

Best wishes for a safe and fun 2012 and hope you can join us at the 2013 show!
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This 2012 newsletter can be found on the Ohio Wheelchair website under VA Art Show (in the menu).

