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## Heartland Hosts Small Wonders

“Small Wonders” should peak the imagination, what does that mean to you? The definition of wonders is - a cause of astonishment or admiration. That is exactly what the artists have presented with the added requirement the art needs to be within a 12 x 12” perimeter. The challenge to present artwork that will astonish the viewer in any media in a smaller package allows the Small Wonders Show to be uniquely different from other art shows. Heartland Artists Gallery offers this juried show to local artists annually.

Judge John Thomas from Walkerton, a well-known and former Art Teacher who built the Art Program at John-Glenn Schools shared these comments about the Small Wonders pieces. “I wish there were more awards given in this show. It would be great to honor the best photograph, collage, and 3D work in this show. Because the majority of work entered was painting, I was considering this media first, but found quality work in all areas and media. There were many works in the show that I considered professional quality. The art I chose for awards was able to stand out in this large group of over eighty pieces of quality art work”.

Prizes will be awarded to the artists this Saturday, May 6 at the Open House Reception from 1:00-4:00 and Award Ceremony at 3:00 pm. The Community is invited to view the Small Wonders Show, meet the artists and share in the refreshments.

The Gallery is proud to announce the Juried Show winners - Best of Show will go to Keith Blanton with his oil painting titled “Red”. First Place to Marilyn Kruger with “Two Gala Apples”, Second Place to Steve Creighton, “Joplin Piece”, and Third Place to Mona Witt with her abstract “Sunset”. There will be a Popular Choice Award given at the end of the month, visitors to the Gallery are invited to cast votes for Popular Choice.

Because of the judge’s comments noting such quality work, we have added five Honorable Mention Awards to the show. Honorable Mention Ribbons will be given to - Carrolyne Babcock - 3D titled "Host of Angels"- Decoupage, Kathy Zentz - Fabric collage titled "Garden", Marilyn Kruger - Oil titled "Half a Dozen Pears", Tyson Smith - Photography titled "Victory", and Wendy Replogle - Digital Photography, "Untitled".

The Gallery is so proud to be able to share and to teach the arts to our community, that is our mission. Our not-for-profit Gallery gives area artists a venue to show and sell their art. Our continuing art classes fulfill our mission for educating adults and kids in many media choices. The classes assist in our financial means to maintain the Gallery. Thank you to the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works and the Indiana Arts Commission for their financial assistance through a grant for our classes. For more information visit [www.heartlandartgallery.com](http://www.heartlandartgallery.com) or Facebook or call 574.936.9515. The location is 101 N. Michigan St., Downtown Plymouth. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. 10-4. Join us with a heart for art!

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Photo Caption 1: Keith Blanton’s - Best of Show - titled “Red” now on display from May 2 - June 2 at Heartland Artists Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

Other Photo Captions will be determined after I take photography tomorrow.