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Arts Evening 2009 Best of Show Winners Announced

The City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs recently held the *Arts Evening* Best of Show competition. Hosted by the city's Commission on the Arts, artists were asked to submit up to three pieces of art that they plan to display during *Arts Evening*, which will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The Commission on the Arts judged the *Arts Evening* Best of Show entries on August 13. Traditionally, Best of Show winners are announced during the event, but because of the massive scale on which *Art Evening* operates, the judges wanted to make sure that they had a chance to view all of the art work.

"We have over 100 artists displaying their work at over 40 locations throughout Olde Towne Slidell during *Arts Evening*," says Kim Bergeron, director of the city's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs.

"It is easier for the judges to have all the entries at one location, so they can take their time and review all the works."



Milo Stephens, "Decoupage Fleur de Lis"

The Commission awarded cash prizes and ribbons for best of show, second and third place. Milo Stephens' "Decoupage Fleur de Lis" was named Best of Show and she was awarded \$300. Adam Sambola's "RedBean's French Quarter" was awarded a second place ribbon and \$200. And William Byron Gray's "The Painter" was awarded \$100 and a third place ribbon. The Commission also acknowledged two honorable mentions, Milo Stephens' "Angelic Form" and Michael Remy's "When Evening Shadows Fall..."



Adam Sambola, "RedBean's French Quarter"

In addition to the cash prizes and ribbons, the winning artists will be recognized in *Arts Evening* publicity and the brochure, which will soon be available at the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs office, participating *Arts Evening* businesses in Olde Towne, and on the city's website at www.slidell.la.us.

The award-winning works will also be on display during *Arts Evening*.

There is still one more chance for artists to win recognition for their work. The St. Tammany Arts Commission will present a Purchase Award on the night of *Arts Evening*. The selected artwork will be installed in a government building as part of the St. Tammany Parish Public Art Collection.



William Byron Gray, "The Painter"

Arts Evening is a celebration of visual and performing arts, dining, antique and boutique shopping and some of the best live entertainment around. One of the largest cultural events on the northshore, this year's festivities will feature the works of over 100 artists at 40 different locations throughout Olde Towne Slidell, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a grand concert finale in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium featuring Ronnie Kole, the world renowned piano player and Louisiana legend. The rain date is set for Sunday, November 8, and admission to all events is free.

Arts Evening is brought to you by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs and the 2009 - 2010 Cultural Season sponsors and is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

For more information, please call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the *Arts Evening* website at www.slidell.la.us/artsevening.