

## **Press Release for Immediate Use**

**July 29, 2008**

### **Oil Heritage Art Shows**

### **Announcement of People's Choice Awards & Judged Awards for Show**

The Oil Heritage Art Shows for 2008 were a complete success, thanks to over 100 volunteers! Special Thanks to our Small Business Sponsors: Williams Decorating of Oil City (Children's & Young Adult Show); Hileman & Woods of Oil City (Main Show) and BloomingGail's of Oil City (Floral Arrangements at both shows)

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Only in its second year of existence, the Oil Heritage Children's & Young Adult Show boasted the exhibition of 195 art works. The People's Choice Award, selected by individual written ballot from visitors, encompassing all 195 pieces was awarded to Miss Amy Paddock for the piece "I'm No Witch".

All works in this show were judged by Mrs. Maureen James, and ribbons and cash prizes are awarded to all first, second and third place winners in each category. Participation ribbons were given to all artists in this show. (A complete list of Children & Young Adult winners and titles of work are enclosed for publication.)

Over 850 people attended this exhibit, held at Trinity United Methodist Church, located next door to the National Transit Building in Oil City.

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The Oil Heritage Art Show, an anchor show in the Oil City community, exhibited 278 pieces of art in all mediums. (Up 80 pieces from last year's 198 total works) The People's Choice Award, selected by written ballot from visitors, and encompassing all 278 pieces was awarded to Miss Elicia Donze for the piece "Hector".

All works in this show were judged by Mr. Dennis Moran of Dennis Moran Design of Pittsburgh, PA. Cash prizes and ribbons were awarded to first, second and third place winners in 3 divisions and 6 categories. (A complete list of Art Show winners with titles of work is enclosed for publication.)

Over 1,400 people attended this exhibit, beginning on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with an artist reception in the evening and concluding on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

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A follow up volunteer thank you and input meeting to offer suggestions for next year's shows is scheduled for Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the National Transit Building Great Room. All are welcome to attend.