



JON C. LAKEY / SALISBURY POST William "Dr Rob" Robertson performs the Instrumental section of the Performing Arts and took the gold medal. Robertson played and sang Elton John songs on the piano. The Salisbury/Rowan 2015 SilverArts judging was held on Friday at the Salisbury Civic Center. Winners of the four categories of Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Visual Art, and Heritage Arts were picked on Friday for the chance to compete in the state competition. Friday, March 13, 2015, in Salisbury, N.C.

Seniors express themselves through art at SilverArts



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SilverArts winners

Heritage arts winners

Bags – Cecelia Mehmed won first and second place.

Cake – Linda Ewing won first and second place.

Can goods – Janet Holshouser 1 won first and Linda Ewing won second place.

Candy – Kay Morgan won first place.

Ceramics – Randy Ewing won first place.

Greeting card art –Cecelia Mehmed won first and second place.

Hats – Cecelia Mehmed won first place

Housewares – Cecelia Mehmed won first, second and third place.

Jewelry – Joanne French won first and third place. Karen Morgan won second.

Knitting – Joanne French won first and second place. Karen Morgan won third.

Models – Paul Mehmed won first place and George Kluttz won second and third place.

Needlework – Margaret Waddell won first, Uta Braun won second and Donna Lee Hall won third.

Pillows – Dorothy Baker won first and second place.

Pie – Renita Ritchie won first place.

Plants – Caroline Dobson Marshall won first place.

Quilting – Betty Monroe won first and second place. Kristy Burleyson won third.

Silk Flowers – Linda Shirley won first and second place. Cecelia Mehmed won third.

Stained Glass – Connie Sherrill won first place, and C. William French won second and third.

Stuffed Toys – Dorothy Baker won first place.

Woodcarving – Jimmie Weaver won first and third place. Robert Hall won second place.

Woodturning – Lanie Craven won first place, and Barry Lambert won second and third.

Woodworking – Lanie Craven 1 won first place, and Barry Lambert won second and third.

Literary Arts winners

Essay – Cecelia Mehmed won first and second place.

Life Experience – C. William French won first place, Randy Allen won second and Betsy Rich won third.

Poetry – Brenda Morris won first, Caroline Dobson Marshall won second and Virginia Lowder won third place.

Visual Arts winners

Acrylics– Carolyn Blackman won first place, and Richard Lapham won second and third places.

Drawing – Carolyn Blackman won first and second places. Joanne French won third place.

Mixed Media

– Karen Morgan won first place, Richard Lapham won second and Barbara Benton took third.

Oil – Joyce Cavanagh-Wood won first place, and Jo Ann Smith won second and third.

Pastels – David Willingham won first and second places. Stella Isenberg won third.

Photography – Cathy Wood won first, Richard Lapham won second and Barbara Benton won third.

Sculpture – Stella Isenberg won first, second and third places.

Watercolor – Carolyn Blackman won first and second places. Caroline Dobson Marshall won third place.

Performing arts winners

William D. Robertson won first, Tim Smith won second and The Oak Park Band won third. Bert Bartholomew, Margie Crowell, Harvey Derzen, Diana Ellenbury, Tom foreman, C.P. Fisher, Tom Forman, Ann Hollifield, Martha Hopkins, Juanita Johnson, Nina Smith, Alene Yoder and Clyde Young make up The Oak Park Band.

The seniors who participated in SilverArts this year are living proof of the old adage, “Age is only a number.”

A crowd milled around the edges of the Civic Center’s meeting room Friday afternoon admiring beautifully crafted masterpieces. Rowan County artisans over the age of 50 created each one of the pieces – from paintings to quilts, cakes, jewelry, poems and scarves.

“It’s so crucial that we as seniors stay stimulated,” said Phyllis Loflin-Kluttz, Rowan County’s Senior Games and SilverArts coordinator.

She added that SilverArts and its athletic counterpart, the Senior Games, help keep seniors mentally and physically active.

The seniors competed in heritage arts, such as jewelry, quilting, cake and woodcarving; literary arts, including essay, poetry and life experience writing; and visual arts, such as acrylics, paintings and photography.

There were also three performing arts acts – The Oak Park Band, George Kluttz and William Dr. Rob Robertson.

Robertson won first place with his tribute to Elton John and will represent Rowan County in the Senior Games State Follies competition at North Carolina State University later this year.

Robertson didn't just replicate Elton John songs, such as "Bennie and the Jets." He added his own showy flair to the classics, playing a portion of the piece with his foot and another while lying on the ground.

"I'm just a natural ham," Robertson said. "It's what I thrive on"

Loflin-Kluttz is confident Robertson will come home from State Follies a winner.

"It seems like every time I send somebody to States, they come home with the gold," she said.

Tim Smith, the Spoon Man, came in second place with his instrument performance using the spoons.

The 13-member Oak Park Band came in third place with their instrumental piece using rhythm instruments. The group has 1,105 years of life experience combined under their belt.

Rowan County has the largest year-round and second largest spring SilverArts program in the state.

The program has grown significantly since Loflin-Kluttz came on board 18 years ago. The first year, no one registered and she recruited 30 artists at the last minute. This year, there were 210 competitors ranging in age from 50 to 98, Loflin-Kluttz said.

Those who won first or second in visual or heritage arts have the option to compete at North Carolina State University in September. Only the first place winner from the performing arts category can compete on the statewide level.

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