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Peoria Art Guild Announces the 48th Annual Fine Art Fair Award Winners

Peoria, IL — (September 28, 2010) The Peoria Art Guild has announced the award winners for the 2010 Fine Art Fair held on September 25th and 26th on Peoria's Riverfront. Cash awards totaling \$10,000 were presented to artists who best exhibited quality, technique, concept and craftsmanship in their works.

Judges for the artist awards were Barry Blinderman, Director of University Galleries at Illinois State University and Roy Boyd, owner of the Roy Boyd Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.

"Best of Show" designation, along with \$2,500, was awarded to James Petran, Iowa City, IA, watercolor.

"Award of Excellence" and \$750 were given to the following 10 artists: Scott Amrhein of Sherwood, WI, glass; Galen Carpenter of Sedona, AZ, wood; John Dove of Downers Grove, IL, photography; Paul Eshelman of Elizabeth, IL, ceramics; Nathan & Amanda Grubich of Ludington, MI, ceramics; John Herbon of St. Ignace, MI, ceramics; Kim Koch of Oshkosh, WI, jewelry; William Kwamena-Poh of Savannah, GA, watercolor; Carrie Pearce of Peoria, IL, painting; and Tom Radca of Port Washington, OH, ceramics.

"Honorable Mention" and an invitation to attend next year's Fine Art Fair were given to the following 10 artists: Danny Chu of Norcross, GA, painting; Tom Gross of East Peoria, IL, painting; Richard Harrington of South Lima, NY, painting; Ginny Herzog of Minneapolis, MN, mixed media 2d; Drew Hine of Pittsburgh, PA, glass; Martha Monson Lowe of Decorah, IA, fiber; Leigh & Ronald Linton of Hot Springs, AK, jewelry; David Nagel of Jackson, MS, wood; Laurie Pollpeter-Eskenazi of Naperville, IL, ceramics; and Larry Welo of Blue Mounds, WI, printmaking.

The 49th Annual Fine Art Fair will be held on Peoria's Riverfront on September 24th & 25th, 2011. For more information please contact artfair@peoriaartguild.org or visit www.peoriafineartfair.com

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