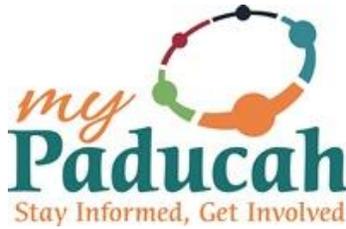


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2016 Mayor's Art Club Second Quarter Artists

Photos: *Top-How Long Does it Take to Grow a Tree* by Michael Crouse; *Bottom-Impressions of Spring* by Katherine English (2nd Place in Dogwood Art Contest)

PADUCAH –The second quarter artwork for the 2016 Mayor's Art Club currently is on display featuring the entries for the Dogwood Art & Photography Contest and paintings by artist Michael G. Crouse. The public can view the artwork through the end of June. With the exception of holidays, City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Depending upon the Mayor's meeting schedule, access to the artwork in her office may be periodically restricted.



The artwork of Michael G. Crouse is on display in the Mayor's office at City Hall. Crouse is a multi-media printmaker whose work encompasses the printmaking processes of relief, lithography, intaglio, screen-printing, and monotype. He has produced prints and mixed media work for more than forty years. Crouse has a diploma from Kendall School of Design, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Atlanta College of Art, and a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan. For 26 years, he taught printmaking courses at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Crouse, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has spent quite a bit of time in Europe, both as a student and as a contributing artist. In 2006, Michael founded BrokenStone Press in Paducah's Lower Town Arts District. He also has served as a director for the Yeiser Art Center in

Paducah and taught art courses at West Kentucky Community & Technical College. Crouse's prints have been exhibited in galleries throughout the U.S. in addition to England, South Korea, Canada, Vietnam, the Netherlands, and Spain.

In the Mayor's reception area at City Hall, 52 entries, including the winners, for the Dogwood Art & Photography Contest are on display. The three winners in the art category are 1st place-Frank Bennett; 2nd place-Katherine English, and 3rd place-Nancy Calcutt. The three winners in the photography category are 1st place-Basil Drossos, 2nd place-Phyllis Russell, and 3rd place-Paul Grumley. The Paducah Civic Beautification Board teamed up with the Paducah School of Art & Design to coordinate the contest.

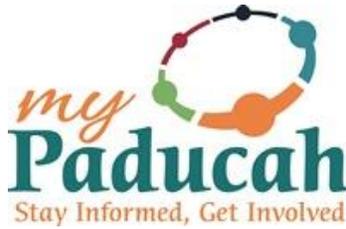


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The artists or art groups confirmed at this time to participate in the 2016 Mayor's Art Club are as follows:

- Charlotte Erwin, 1st quarter
- Jason Bailey, 1st quarter
- Michael G. Crouse, 2nd quarter
- Dogwood Trail Art and Photography Contest Winners, 2nd quarter
- Char Downs, 3rd quarter

Each quarter of the calendar year, two artists or art groups have the opportunity to display their artwork in the Mayor's office and reception area on the second floor of City Hall. This is the fourth year for the Mayor's Art Club. For more information, visit <http://paducahky.gov/mayors-art-club>.

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