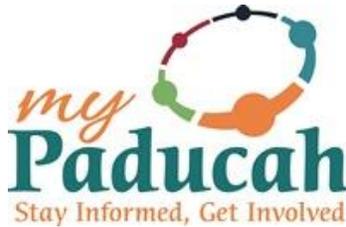


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## 2016 Mayor's Art Club Third Quarter Artists

Photos: Top-*She is Hawai'i* by Char Downs; Bottom-*Noble Park* by Janice Crosno

PADUCAH –The third quarter artwork for the 2016 Mayor's Art Club currently is on display featuring pen and ink drawings by Janice Crosno and mixed media artwork by Char Downs. The public can view the artwork through the end of September. 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 Char Downs is on display in the Mayor's office at City Hall. Downs lives and works in Paducah's Lower Town Arts District at Pinecone Art Studio. She relocated to Paducah in 2004 from the San Francisco Bay area. Downs earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Hawai'i in addition to a 5<sup>th</sup> year professional diploma in art. Mixed media painting, sculpture, and printmaking are the focus of most of the work she creates. Her eclectic work has been shown in the Pacific Rim, Europe, and the United States.

Sixteen pen and ink drawings by Janice Crosno are featured in the Mayor's reception area at City Hall. Crosno says, "While I graduated with a fine arts degree, I learned my pen and ink technique from my first employment - LM Berry, the company that does the art work for the Yellow Pages." Typically these 16 drawings, in addition to several more of her works, line the walls of the Finance Department on the first floor of City Hall. In 1991, Finance Director Jonathan Perkins and Crosno discussed having drawings of Paducah landmarks, historic buildings, and city facilities on the cover of the City of Paducah's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Crosno thought it was an interesting idea and has been providing drawings since then. Crosno adds, "I have enjoyed both the search for the subject matter as well as the actual renderings. I hope that everyone enjoys looking at them."

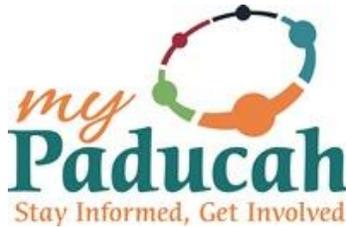


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The artists or art groups that have participated in the 2016 Mayor's Art Club are as follows:

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