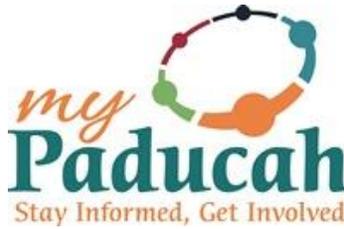


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2015 Mayor's Art Club Reception and First Quarter Artists

Photos: Top-*The Eighth Day* by Paul Aho; Bottom-Watercolor by NeuroRestorative client

PADUCAH – The first quarter artwork by Paul Aho and the clients of NeuroRestorative currently is on display and will be available for everyone to enjoy at the reception for the 2015 Mayor's Art Club. The reception will be from 4:30 until 6 p.m. on Friday, February 6 on the second floor of City Hall. The public and media are invited to City Hall for the reception to meet the artists or art groups selected for the third year of the Mayor's Art Club.

In addition to the reception, the public can view the artwork when City Hall is open, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The artwork by Paul Aho and NeuroRestorative will be on display through the end of March.



Paul Aho's work is on display in the Mayor's office at City Hall for this first quarter. A nationally recognized artist, educator and arts administrator, Aho is dean of Paducah School of Art & Design, where he also teaches digital photography. Aho received a Master of Fine Arts from University of South Florida and has twice been awarded a South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual and Media Artists Fellowship for his work as a painter. He has held administrative positions as chief program officer for the Palm Beach Photographic Centre and dean of the School of Art at the Armory Art Center. He has also served as director of visual art services and public art programs for the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. His work is in the permanent collections of the Sioux City Art Center, Iowa; Mandarin Hotel, Miami; MGM Mirage, Las Vegas; Suki Art Fund, Houston;

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino; and Four Seasons Hotel and Resort, Marrakech, among dozens others.

Artwork created by the clients of NeuroRestorative is on display in the Mayor's reception area at City Hall through the end of March. NeuroRestorative has dozens of facilities across the nation with one in Paducah. Their rehabilitation services help people with brain and spinal cord injury as well as other neurological challenges. Starting in April 2014 at the Paducah facility, clients were offered a weekly watercolor class. The students were able to explore watercolor techniques and the reactions with different media.



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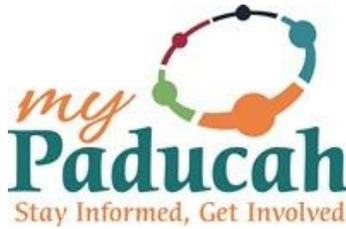
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The eight artists or art groups participating in the 2015 Mayor's Art Club are as follows:

- Paul Aho, 1st quarter
- Clients from NeuroRestorative, 1st quarter
- Kijsa Housman, 2nd quarter
- Dogwood Trail Art and Photography Contest Winners, 2nd quarter
- Juanita Gilliam, 3rd quarter
- Ashlea McMillan, 3rd quarter
- Margie and Dwain Smith, 4th quarter
- Glenn Hall, 4th quarter

In 2013, Mayor Gayle Kaler decided to begin displaying local art at City Hall. 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 third year for the Mayor's Art Club. For more information about the Mayor's Art Club, visit www.paducahky.gov/paducah/mayors-art-club-0.

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