

Thank You All for a GREAT Show!



Monson Arts Council's first **Celebrate Fiber Arts** Show was a superb event, with a beautiful exhibit by 46 artists, felters, quilters and weavers.

Very special thanks go to our audience. Your response was truly a gift. We produced Celebrate Fiber Art with a special mission to shine a light on these special artists who, working with wool, yarn, fabric, thread, creativity, and dedicated hard work, make beautiful art. And you came and were astonished and astounded and gratified, just as we hoped you would be! You came and loved our show. Thank you.



Monson Arts Council Prize Winning Fiber Artists

An important aspect of Celebrate Fiber ARTs was recognizing many of the artists with awards and ribbons. \$1700 in prize money was distributed to the winning artists.

Awards for Felting: Juried by Jennifer Sampson of Westport, MA • First Prize (\$300): Marion Beaudry of Whately, MA, for her sculpture, *Noah's Ark*. Second Prize (\$200): Liz Canali of Charlemont, MA, for her felted lamp, *Falling Leaves*. Honorable Mention: Rose Karosi, Ashford, CT for her felted animal, *Lion King*.

Awards for Quilting: Juried by Timna Tarr of South Hadley, MA • First Prize: (\$300): Margot Johnson of Monson, for her quilt, *Can Do*. Second Prize (\$200): Wendy Skillman for her quilt, *Country Journal*. Third Prize (\$100): Diane Farquhar for her quilt, *Lonestar Beauty*. Honorable Mentions: Elaine Arsenault, Montague, MA for her quilt, *Many Days*; Jane Arthur, Monson, MA for her quilt, *Peace and Unity*; Helen Moore of Monson, MA for her quilt, *Baskets Dawn Sullivan*, Monson, MA, for her quilt, *Cycles of Life*; Dawn Thistle of Oakham, MA for her quilt, *Thistle Crazy Quilt* and Lorraine S. Veitch, Northboro, MA for her quilt, *Rainie's Formal Garden*.

Awards for Weaving: Juried by Erica Dwyer of Hampden, MA • First Prize (\$300):



Rose Karosi of Ashford, CT., an exhibitor was the lucky winner of a quilt raffle sponsored by a local quilting group, Monson Quilts. Rose, on left, is pictured in front of her prize quilt with Dawn Sullivan, who designed and created it.

Lynn Field of Brimfield, MA for her woven scarf, *Liquid Color*. Second Prize (\$200): Peggy Church of Chaplin, CT for her woven scarf, *Nature's Glory*. Third Prize (\$100): Dorothy Benedict of West Brookfield for her wall hanging, *The River of the Sky*. Honorable Mention: Lynn Field of Brimfield, MA for her woven scarf, *Shadow Play*.

Many Many Thanks!

The Monson Board of Selectmen and Evan Brassard, Town Administrator and Paul Demaio, Custodian for Memorial Hall, helped in every way necessary. Thank you!

Thanks to the Monson Arts Council Board of Directors, Treasurer Richard Guertin, and the **committee members:**

Coordinators: Dawn Sullivan, Maureen Solomon. Tim Denney, David Dupuis, Tara Hengeveld and Susan James. This was a team whose efforts made this the good show it was!

Thanks to these volunteers for helping set up the show and monitor the exhibits: Peter Barnett, Tod Beall, Barbara Beaulieu, Michael Benfield, Reed Coles, Marie Gauthier, Ed Harrison, Selma Hawk, Linda Howe, Lil Jacobs, Linda Johnson, Penny Lewis, Deborah Mahar, Alan Morin, Andrea Newland, Jane Roberts, EmmaLadd Shepherd, Teresa Sinclair, Wendy Skillman, Richard Solomon, Linda Spelko, Paul Sullivan, Nick Vinciguerra, Rosann Vinciguerra. Also Jerry Wilson & Roberta Wilson for driving our parade float.

Carol Strum of the Monson Cultural Council helped with our grant proposal, Roberts & Sons Printing printed and produced our program in record time. Phoenix Exposition Services' hanging system perfectly met our needs and their efficiency helped so much. The churches, Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson and Monson United Methodist Church provided food for our visitors and vendors. Vicki Prior of the Keep Homestead Museum joined our vendors with the Keep antique button machine. Juliet Rose Gallery, Peter Barnett & Gil's Gym all donated door prizes.