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CITY OF PADUCAH, KY



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**2014 Mayor’s Art Club Reception and First Quarter Artists**

Photos: “Where did you get those boots?” by Mary Ruth Maggard and “Flutter” by Bill Ford.

PADUCAH – The first quarter artwork by artists Mary Ruth “Tutu” Maggard and Bill Ford currently is on display and will be available for everyone to enjoy at the reception for the 2014 Mayor’s Art Club. The reception will start at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7 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 second year of the Mayor’s Art Club. 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 Maggard and Ford will be on display through the end of March.



After a successful inaugural year for the Mayor’s Art Club in 2013, Mayor Gayle Kaler decided to continue the displaying of local art at City Hall. Each quarter of the calendar year, two artists or art groups will have the opportunity to display their artwork in the Mayor’s office and reception area on the second floor of City Hall.

Folk artist Mary Ruth “Tutu” Maggard’s work is on display in the Mayor’s office at City Hall for this first quarter. Maggard uses paint sample cards to create vibrant works of art. Maggard is a native of Paducah who was born into a large Irish Catholic family of nine. Her nickname “Tutu” was given to her as a baby by her brothers who had difficulty saying the words “baby sister”. More information about Maggard and her work can be found at [www.tutuoriginals.com](http://www.tutuoriginals.com).

Bill Ford, a calligrapher, pen and ink, and watercolor artist, has numerous pieces of artwork on display in the Mayor’s reception area at City Hall through the end of March. Bill Ford, with his trademark bow tie, is known across the area for his artistic skills as a residential and commercial interior designer. Ford also dedicates his artwork to his mother. More information about Ford and his work can be found at [www.billfordinteriors.com](http://www.billfordinteriors.com).



The eight artists or art groups participating in the 2014 Mayor’s Art Club are as follows:

- Mary Ruth “Tutu” Maggard, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter



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- Bill Ford, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Rose Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Dogwood Trail Art and Photography Contest Winners, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Chuck Ehram, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- Stefanie Graves and David Lucht, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- Jane Viterisi, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Jane Bright, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

For more information about the Mayor's Art Club including exhibit dates, visit [www.paducahky.gov/paducah/mayors-art-club-0](http://www.paducahky.gov/paducah/mayors-art-club-0).

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