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2014 Mayor's Art Club Third Quarter Artists



Photos: Black and white with orange leaf by Chuck Erhsam, "Tug of War" by Stefanie Graves, and "Lessons of the Fall" by David Lucht

PADUCAH – The third quarter artwork for the 2014 Mayor's Art Club currently is on display featuring photography by Chuck Erhsam and artwork by Stefanie Graves and David Lucht of Cowango Studios. The public can view the artwork when City Hall is open, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The artwork will be on display through late September.

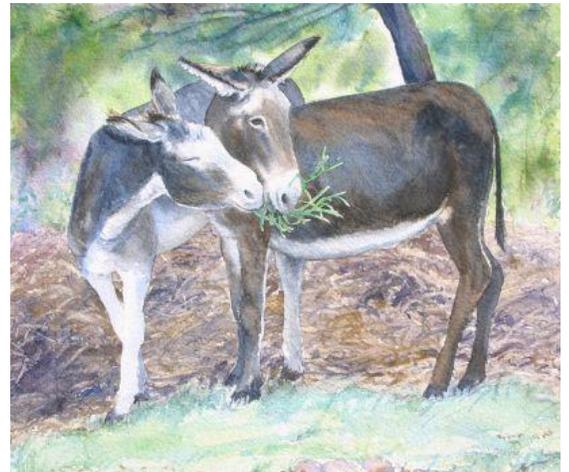
Photography by artist, educator, and environmentalist Chuck Erhsam is on display in the Mayor's office at City Hall for this third quarter. Erhsam's photographs explore the beauty of light as it interacts with nature. Erhsam hikes state and national parks to find those unique moments captured in his photographs. Erhsam and his wife, Linda, are in the process of compiling a guide book of regional

natural places.

In the Mayor's reception area at City Hall, see the work by Stefanie Graves and her husband, David Lucht, of Cowango Studios located in LowerTown. Graves is a self-taught artist who enjoys the freshness, spontaneity, and fluidity of watercolor.



Graves says, "Inspired in equal parts by the ordinary and exotic, my paintings represent my sense of curiosity, wonderment, and awe at the world around me."



Lucht is a contemporary realist experimental artist who creates his pieces using the wax resist medium of batik painting. Lucht says, "In batik the image and the cloth become a fully integrated thing. There is no surface decoration in batik. The image is established in the fiber of the cloth. To me that is a very powerful idea."



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

- Mary Ruth "Tutu" Maggard, 1st quarter
- Bill Ford, 1st quarter
- Rose Hughes, 2nd quarter
- Dogwood Trail Art & Photography Contest Winners, 2nd quarter
- Chuck Ehram, 3rd quarter
- Stefanie Graves and David Lucht, 3rd quarter
- Jane Viterisi, 4th quarter
- Jane Bright, 4th quarter

Mayor Gayle Kaler began the Mayor's Art Club in 2013 to allow local artists the opportunity to display their work 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. For more information about the Mayor's Art Club including exhibit dates, visit www.paducahky.gov/paducah/mayors-art-club-0.

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