

**THREE CITIES  
ART CLUB**



November 2014 Newsletter  
www.threecitiesartclub.org

**Monday, November 3, 7 - 9 pm**  
**Canton Township Hall**  
1150 Canton Center Road South  
**Lower Level - Meeting Room A**



**SNACKS FOR  
November**  
*Doreen  
Lawton*

## November Event



### Todd Marsee on his Fine Art & Graphic Design

Todd Marsee is an award-winning Michigan watercolorist whose artwork is refreshingly unique, with peaceful and reflective qualities. His paintings have shown at the Toledo Museum of Art Collector's Corner, and he has exhibited in galleries and fine art fairs throughout Michigan and Ohio.

#### EXCERPTS FROM THE ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

My paintings are interpretations of the fragile beauty and resilience of nature. Textures, patterns and designs of nature inspire me to paint, as well as the properties of water media itself (watercolor, inks, tempera and acrylic).

I use the spontaneity of water media, my intuition, and planned design to carry a piece from beginning to end.

Design elements range from suggested shapes, to hard edged blocks of color. Some areas in my paintings reflect objects found in nature, such as rocks, roots, or sky. Circles may represent cycles in nature: seasons, evaporation, renewal or deterioration. Hard edged, flat shapes generally relate to human development over nature – some are based on sidewalk patterns I have studied.

It is my hope that my work will inspire a respectful and protective mind-set towards our land and resources.

Todd's will talk to us about his techniques and show us his work through a PowerPoint presentation.



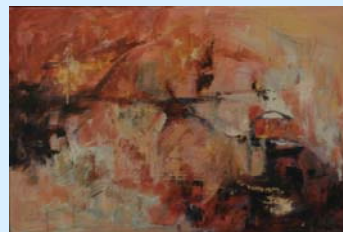
## Festival of the Arts A Big Success!!

- ◆ Show went up very smoothly
- ◆ Wonderful selection of art
- ◆ Over 300 people attended the show
- ◆ Approx. \$1,250 in sales
- ◆ 5 hanging pieces sold
- ◆ Both clubs made some money
- ◆ The entertainment was outstanding - especially Verdi Opera Sopranos and the Ward Church Band



◆ Wild About Art Award of \$100 went to TCAC member **Nancy Poat** for her Victorian Basin

◆ Senator Glenn Anderson picked Red Truck by TCAC member **Jon Lange**



◆ Mall GM Carol Rutz chose VAAL's **Beverly Johnston's** Red Series #5

◆ The Rotary's selection was Double Eagle by TCAC member **James Bramlet**



## OCTOBER POPULAR VOTE WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE

Air Brush by **Jon Lange**



### SECOND PLACE

Oil by **David Lamb**



Sorry for the poor quality—*photographer error!*

### THIRD PLACE

Watercolor by **Maggie McCloskey**



## POPULAR VOTE WINNERS AT 2014 FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

### FIRST PLACE

**Susann Smith** for

her acrylic painting “*Spring*”

\$50 Gift Certificate to D & M Art Studio &  
\$25 Gift Card to Westland Mall



### SECOND PLACE

**Allen Brooks** for his digitally  
enhanced photo

“*When Ships Come Home*”

\$30 GC to D & M Art Studio & \$25 Gift  
Card to Max & Erma’s



### THIRD PLACE

**Susann Smith** for her acrylic “*Mom*”

\$20 GC to D & M Art Studio &  
Lakeshore Restaurant Dinner for Two



Fourth place was a three-way tie: **Ron Warunek** for Amsterdam, **Chuck Schroeder** for Classic 50’s Soda Shop & **Jon Lange** for Botswana.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors whose support is crucial to the perpetuation of the collaborative efforts of talented local artists who are dedicated to bringing more cultural events to Westland and the greater southeastern Michigan area for benefit of its residents. People of all ages and walks of life were able to experience a wide range of art and quality musical entertainment.

I always love to read the popular votes submitted by the hundreds of people who attended the Festival. Some of the comments included: “*A wonderful art experience. People friendly exhibit. Thanks Rotary for the opportunity for sharing.*”, Genevieve of Dearborn Heights; “*I would like to see more of this at Westland Mall.*”, Bridgitte of Livonia; “*Beautiful and interesting paints! Jay Kilgus is excellent!*”, Karen of Livonia; “*I love the works—as a Keller Williams Realtor, I like informing buyers of clubs and organizations in the area.*”, Terry of Wayne.

I also look for who traveled the furthest and this year’s winner was Peter Cobani who is from Melbourne Victoria Australia!! *I’m sure he came all this way just to see us!*

**Patricia Harp** of Garden City who works at Canton’s Oakwood Urgent Care won the \$374 Showroom of Elegance diamond ring!! She was thrilled.

Thanks to all the artists who participated from both VAAL and TCAC with a special thanks to co-chair Allen Brooks who booked all the wonderful performing artists to fill 12 hours of free music and dance. It was a shame that so few got to hear the sopranos sing at noon on Sunday but now, after three years of trying to get them to perform, the Verdi Opera asked to be booked next year on Saturday afternoon!