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The beautiful fall colors are a spectacular view from the camping cabins at Klondike Park near Augusta this time of year.

## **Paint Your County Parks Winner Announced at Reception on Nov. 6**

*St. Charles County, Missouri* – Winners of the Paint Your County Parks art contest will be announced during a reception at the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles on Thursday, Nov. 6. The public is invited to join the St. Charles County Parks Department from 6 – 8 p.m. for this fun, free event. Food and drink will be provided.

At 7 p.m., the juror for the art competition, Janet Fons, will recognize the winning artist and showcase their painting at the art centre, located at 520 North Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 purchase prize for their work and two honorable mentions will also be awarded at a reception.

The St. Charles County Parks Department and the Foundry Art Centre held the second annual Paint Your County Parks competition from August 1 through October 31, 2014. The art contest was free to enter. There were 34 contestants who registered this year and will be present at the reception. The artists could use watercolors, oils, gouache or acrylics to paint scenes of any of the 10 County Parks currently open to the public.

“We have artists from Illinois and Missouri competing in the Paint Your County Parks competition this year,” said St. Charles County Parks Director, Bettie Yahn-Kramer. “One artist is from O’Fallon, Illinois and one even lives as far as Columbia, Missouri.”

The winning painting will hang at the County Parks Administration Office, located at 201 N. Second Street St. in St. Charles for guests to stop in and see.

For more information about the reception, contact the Parks Department at 636.949.7535.

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