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Fed by a natural spring, Betty's Lake, the 13-acre lake situated next to the new Visitors Center at Broemmelsiek Park, is open to non-motorized boats.

Calling All Artists! \$1,000 Purchase Prize Up For Grabs In Paint Your County Parks Art Competition

St. Charles County, Missouri – Calling all artists! The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department and the Foundry Art Centre are once again holding the annual Paint Your County Parks competition August 1 through October 31. Missouri and Illinois residents, 18 years and older, are invited to participate in our painting competition that showcases the beauty of St. Charles County Parks.

Artists participating may use watercolors, oils, gouache or acrylics to create a painting of scenes from any of the 11 St. Charles County Parks currently open to the public. These parks include: Bangert Island in St. Charles, Broemmelsiek Park in Defiance, College Meadows Park in Cottleville (on the campus of St. Charles Community College), Heritage Museum at Heritage Park near St. Charles, Hideaway Harbor Park in Portage des Sioux, Indian Camp Creek Park near Foristell, Klondike Park near Augusta, Matson Hill Park near Defiance, Quail Ridge Park near Wentzville, Towne Park near Wentzville and Youth Activity Park in Dardenne Prairie.

An appointed Juror will select three paintings for awards on the night of the reception, which is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles. One purchase prize of \$1,000 will be awarded and two honorable mentions will receive \$250 each at the special event. At the reception, guests get a chance to view the submitted artwork, talk to artists about their work, see the winners, and purchase some of the art. Light



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refreshments will be served at the reception. Admission is free and open to citizens of all ages. After the reception, the winning painting will hang at the County Parks Administration Office, located at 201 N. Second Street St. in St. Charles for all to see.

New this year to the art competition is the “Take A Park Picture, It Lasts Longer” contest! Park guests are encouraged to visit each of our 11 parks to take a picture of their favorite park feature before Saturday, Oct. 31. When all 11 photos have been taken, email them to the parks department at parks@sccmo.org for a chance to win a gift basket full of goodies! The winner of the gift basket will be announced at the reception. All participants must be present to win.

For more information about the Paint Your County Parks competition rules, specifications and completion timeline, contact the Foundry Art Centre at (636) 255-0270.

For more information about the “Take A Park Picture, It Lasts Longer” contest and St. Charles County Parks, contact the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 949-7535.

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