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Honorable mention Lon Brauer (L), Juror Lorraine McFarland, winner Marty Coulter (C), honorable mention Natalie Rupp, St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer and Foundry Art Centre Exhibitions Manager Melissa Whitwam (R) pose for a picture with the winning artwork at the reception.

Paint Your County Parks Winner and Honorable Mentions Announced

St. Charles County, Missouri – The winner of the 2015 Paint Your County Parks art contest is Marty Coulter of Washington, Missouri for his beautiful oil painting of the lake at Quail Ridge Park. Coulter received a \$1,000 purchase prize for his winning artwork that will be displayed in the St. Charles County Parks Administrative Office, located at 201 N. Second Street St. in St. Charles. Juror Lorraine McFarland, chose the award-winning painting during a reception at the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles on Nov. 12. Natalie Rupp of St. Louis, Missouri and Lon Brauer of Granite City, Illinois were awarded honorable mentions. Both Rupp and Brauer created portraits of Bangert Island and were awarded \$250 each.

Twenty-four painters entered the free art competition, which was open to Missouri and Illinois artists. After the winning announcement, guests were able to converse with the artists about their paintings.

New to the competition this year was the Take A Photo, It Lasts Longer photo contest and the winner was Lucas Kruse of St. Charles County. He received a gift bag at the reception for his efforts. His photo submission included a colorful photo collage with short stories about his visits to each St. Charles County Park.

To view photos of this year's reception, visit our website at www.stccparks.org and click on "Photo Gallery" on the left side of the page.

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