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Kirkwood Arts Commission Announces Photo Contest Winners

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Kirkwood, Missouri: The Kirkwood Arts Commission announced the winners of its 2019 “Cars and Guitars Inspire Creativity” photography competition at an awards reception on September 6 at the Kirkwood Train Station. Winning photos are on display at the Station through September 30.

There were two age categories – under the age of 18 and 18 and older. The winners were:

18 and Older:

- First Place: Bruce Backus, Kirkwood, for “Guitar”
- Second place: William LaRue, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, for “37 Ford”
- Third Place: Jack Clark, Wildwood, for “Fins of the Fifties Cadillac”

Under 18:

- First Place: Nicholas Whittington, Kirkwood (Kirkwood High School), for “Old Summer Times”
- Second Place: Adeline Jowdy, Des Peres (Kirkwood High School), for “Behind the Wheel”
- Third Place: Cora Venverloh, St. Louis (Rogers Middle School, Affton), for “Strummin’ in the Sun”

Honorable Mentions, 18 and Older:

- Jack Clark for “Fins of the Fifties Buick”
- Sue Donovan, Smithton, Illinois, for “Goddess of Speed 1940 Packard”
- Bill Motchan, Olivette, for “Untitled”
- Bruce Toulmin, Kirkwood, for “Jeremiah Johnson”

Honorable Mentions, Under 18:

- Chase Foster, Kirkwood (DeSmet High School), for “Tree Court Rally”
- Morgan Lehrman, Kirkwood (Christ Community Lutheran School), for “The Garden of Music”
- Nicholas Whittington for “The Heart of an Animal”

Two photographers – Jack Clark and Nicholas Whittington” were awarded both a cash prize and a honorable mention for different photos. Several photographers were repeat winners from previous years – Bruce Backus, Sue Donovan, and Nicholas Whittington. Submitted photos were blind-judged by David Hanlon, exhibiting photographer and professor at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, and John Nagel, past coordinator of the photography program and Director

of the Center for Visual Photography, also at STLCC-Meramec The competition was sponsored by the Kirkwood Arts Commission, a City of Kirkwood Commission, with generous support from the Kirkwood Arts Foundation.

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