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38th Annual Jessie Burnside Art Show Results

<p><u>Mixed Media</u> 1st: "Peek-a-boo Whoo?" by Jill Campbell-Mason 2nd: "Rowdy Rudy" by Gig Laurin 3rd: "Empty Nesters" by Gig Laurin</p>	<p><u>Paintings – Acrylic</u> 1st: "A Superior Morning" by Theresa Minten 2nd: "Grand Pops and Link" by Laura Courtemanche 3rd: "Rose Garden" by Angie Rodrigue</p>	<p><u>Paintings – Oil</u> 1st: "Spring Thaw" by Theresa Minten 2nd: "Old Boot" by Ruth Nicholson 3rd: "Alone on a Winter Mountain" by Jill Campbell-Mason</p>
<p><u>Paintings – Watercolour</u> 1st: "Sissy" by Angela Vinnai 2nd: "Reflections at Chutes" by Theresa Minten 3rd: "Hunger Moon" by Jill Campbell-Mason</p>	<p><u>Pastels</u> 1st: "Spanish River Retreat" by May Cameron 2nd: "Ladders to the Sky" by Jill Campbell-Mason</p>	<p><u>Photography</u> 1st: "Rising Mist" by Scott Anderson 2nd: "Bee of Single-minded Pursuit" by Keith Emiry 3rd: "Early Glow" by Scott Anderson</p>
<p><u>Photography – Digitally Enhanced</u> 1st: "Autumn's Last Hurrah" by Keith Emiry 2nd: "Full Blue-Ming" by Keith Emiry 3rd: "Moon" by Jon Butler 3rd: "Into the Blue" by Jayson Stewart</p>	<p><u>Sketches</u> 1st: "Siblings Love" by May Cameron 2nd: "Study in Texture" by Jayson Stewart 3rd: "Listen" by May Cameron</p>	<p><u>Three Dimensional Art</u> 1st: "Rose Urn" by May Cameron 2nd: "Beneath the Keel" by Angela Vinnai 3rd: "Miss Prissy" by Gig Laurin</p>
<p><u>Digital Art</u> 1st: "Autumn" by Keith Emiry 2nd: "Hunting Time" by Keith Emiry 3rd: "Bernie Sanders: Honorary Spartan" by Jayson Stewart</p>	<p><u>Young Artists (8 and under)</u> 1st: "Baby Einstein" by Hayden Stewart 2nd: "The Darkness" by Hayden Stewart 3rd: "Construction Zone" by Hayden Stewart</p>	<p><u>Three Dimensional Art</u> 1st: "Solar System" by Nora Leeney 2nd: "Art Doll 2" by Nora Leeney 3rd: "Art Doll 1" by Nora Leeney</p>

Congratulations to this year's winners, and all who participated in the 38th Annual Jessie Burnside Art Show!
 Visit <http://www.masseyareamuseum.com/2021artshow.html> to see all of this year's artworks.

Memories of Massey >>>

Massey Public School, 1954

Submitted by J.R. Bruce Cassie

Massey Public School was an exciting place of learning, back in the 1950's. Yet, being relegated to the outside of the school until the bell rang to signal entrance to classes was a challenge on cold winter days. Those who arrived at school early needed to huddle outside the entrance door from which one entered the long hallway that gave access to the four classrooms rooms of the school, namely Grades 1-2 on the immediate left, 3-4 on the immediate right, followed by 5-6 on the left and 7-8 on the right.

At the school entrance noted above there was a cement pad, indented and thus allowing an escape from the winter winds that made waiting outside the school quite uncomfortable for those who chose not to play in the snow. On this morning in mid-March, there was considerable excitement in the air since the somewhat warmer weather meant snow was "packable" and that was an invitation to making snowballs. As some of the students rushed about throwing snowballs, others, as was their typical temptation, huddled on the cement-pad entrance to the school. Our Principal, Mrs. Kerr, often took exception to this huddling at the door and on this day, she jerked the school door open and shouted at us to stay away from the doorway until we heard the entrance bell. Without delay, our huddlers moved back from the doorway and Mrs. Kerr returned to the inside warmth available, prior to 9:00 a.m., only to the teaching staff.

Just before the door closed behind her, I threw a well-packed snowball in the direction of the door. Anyone who recalls my lack of accuracy with snowballs, (and I am not referring to the time I nailed Keith Carlson on the head in a close-encounter snow fight), will attest to the fact my snowballs seldom hit the intended targets. Amazingly, such was not the case on this March morning in 1954. The snowball hit the school door at exactly where Mrs. Kerr's beautiful head would have been a mere second before. In an instant she re-opened the door and glared at all of us. Nobody moved. "Who did that! Who threw that snowball?" ... and she had the voice to ask and the conviction she would find out.

The extended silence that followed her questions called for a different approach and with exceptional pedagogical ease she pivoted to a different strategy. Targeting several individual students and fixing on their eyes, she sought the answer I feared. Then her focus shifted to my youngest brother Doug (we called him "Terry" at the time). "Did you see who threw that snowball?" she asked. Trained in Sunday School truth, Terry responded and it was not to my liking. "Bruce did it." I was caught red-handed, as the expression goes, and Mrs. Kerr ushered me to her office for the traditional dose of discipline. Sadly, neither Mrs. Kerr nor my brother Terry (Doug) is with us now. Yet, the memory remains. Mrs. Kerr did what Elementary School Principals are supposed to do. Brother Terry did what students are supposed to do. No doubt they are being rewarded for lives well-lived. As for me and my misbehaviour, I plan to explain myself, when facing celestial judgment, with the claim that my snowballs prior to this occurrence always missed target, except for the one that caught Keith Carlson square on the head. For that one and only that one, *mea culpa*.

What's Happening?>>>

Fall Hours of Operation. The museum is now open from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, and closed on the weekends. Contact the museum if you would like to book a tour outside of our regular operating hours.

Share your history! Do you have a memory of Massey you'd like to share? The museum is always looking for new additions to our website's blog. Submit your stories and photos to info@masseyareamuseum.com.

Annual General Meeting. The Massey Area Museum's AGM will be held in the basement of the museum on Thursday September 16, 2021 at 7:00pm. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must wear a mask.



From the Collection >>> 2013.10.01
Massey Public and Continuation School
Oil Painting by Leona Rivers, 1997