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Winners Announced for *Mackinac Journeys* Art Exhibition at Manoogian Art Museum

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 juried art exhibition, *Mackinac Journeys*, at The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum.

Artist and scholar Vera Grant, of Ann Arbor, served as juror and selected *The D.M.C.*, by Kelly Heck as best in show. As the overall winner, Heck will receive The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum Gold Medal and a \$2,500 cash prize. Her name will also be added to the list of annual Gold Medal winners, which is displayed in the museum.

Departure Blues, by Trish Morgan, was named second place, and *Morning Cometh II*, by Raymond Gaynor, finished third. Three honorable mentions were also selected: *Wave*, by Cherie Correll, *Farewell Blue Barrels*, by Tom Lewand, and *A Thousand Adventures*, by Catherine McClung.

The second and third place winners receive cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$750, respectively, and the three honorable mention winners will receive cash prizes of \$250 each. All prizes are donated by the Mackinac Arts Council and Mackinac Associates.

The pieces will be on display in the museum through Sunday, October 9 in the second floor gallery. Admission to the museum is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.50 for children ages 5-12 and includes the Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, American Fur Co. Store & Dr.

Beaumont Museum, and McGulpin House. Admission to the museum is also included with a Fort Mackinac ticket, and is complimentary to overnight guests of Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau-member hotels.

“The annual contemporary art contest continues to support the mission of The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum by encouraging new artistic creations inspired by Mackinac Island,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks director. “I invite residents and visitors alike to tour the exhibition and enjoy these wonderful Mackinac-inspired works of art.”

Mackinac State Historic Parks is also excited to announce the theme for the 2022 art contest: *A Mackinac Day*. There’s always something special about being able to spend a day on Mackinac. The sun seems to shine a little brighter. The sky seems a little bluer. Even days where things don’t go to plan can seem perfect. Everybody has their “Mackinac Day.” We encourage artists working in all media to share with us their artistic visions of what *A Mackinac Day* means to them.

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Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks’ rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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