



Left: 3-D artist Anthony Cappetto. Above: Bonnie Hedden of Bonnie Hedden Designs shows her Best in Show creation.

Art Festival top winner says show is 'one of my favorites'

Bonnie Hedden Designs won Best in Show on Saturday at the 2022 Lewiston Art Festival. Its namesake, Hedden, is a handcrafted-jewelry artist from Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, who also took first place in the Artistic Craft I: Jewelry category for her "Aqua Shag" necklace.

"It really is one of my favorites. It's always so well-attended," Hedden said of the Art Festival. "You can count on it year to year. It's always well-attended. They have really great artisans. I mean, there's something for everybody. And it's just easy overall – it's easy on the artists; it's great for the people who attend; it's just a fun festival."

Patrons at this show, offer "Big, big art support here," she said. "It's kind of what makes it extra special. They're pretty well-informed, the customers that come, so it makes it nice."

Hedden has participated in the Lewiston Art Festival for 16 years. Of taking the top prize, she said, "It was exciting. I've never had that happen. I received my first-place ribbon and, 20 minutes later, the judge came back with the other one; and I just didn't even know what to do. I'm really honored. I really am. It's very exciting."

The artist is online at www.bonniehedden.com.

At the Art Festival

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sica Gadra, "Zoo"
 •Mixed Media: JoAnn Vanderheite, "Tribute"

•Artistic Craft I: Jewelry: Bonnie Hedden Designs, "Aqua Shag" (necklace)

•Artists Craft II: Fiber, Leather, Wood: Maura Hartwig, "Sunrise Pack" (leather/fiber)

•Artists Craft III: Glass, Ceramic, Metal: Elyse Wall, "Spirit of the Glacier" (ceramic)

•Best Booth Display: Matt Retzlaff, booth No. 700

Arts hosted the 56th annual Lewiston Art Festival last weekend. This prestigious event showcased the work of more than 160 professional and student artists representing eight states and Canada, with creations lining Center Street.

Patrons wasted no time Saturday in getting out and exploring the Art Festival, with crowds forming and cars parked far down the side streets as early as 10:30 a.m. They arrived even earlier on Sunday.

Modern Art Award Winners:

(One winner per category this year)

•Best of Show: Bonnie Hedden Designs, "Aqua Shag" (jewelry)

•Painting: Jillian Tayler, "Murder Creek Akron N.Y."

•Photography: James Hoggard, "Canadaway Creek Chutes, Big Boulder"

•Graphic Arts & Drawing: Jes-

Among the weekend's highlights, internationally recognized 3-D chalk artist Anthony Cappetto created a special interactive mural on Center and Fifth streets. Adjacent to him, students from Lewiston-Porter and Niagara Falls high schools participated in the first-ever "Chalk Walk Invitational."

Hennepin Park was transformed into an Iroquois market filled with contemporary Native American culture expressed through art, music, drumming and dance.

On Saturday, strolling stilt walkers and artists from Farm Arts Collective performed along Center Street. This was a partnership between the Lewiston Council on the Arts and Artpark & Company.

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