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2016 Merit Award Winners

MERIT AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT M&T BANK CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL

ROCHESTER, NY, September 10, 2016 – Ten artists were honored at the M&T Bank Clothesline Festival, held September 10 and 11 at the Memorial Art Gallery.

- James Willis Johnson, of Ontario County, wood
- Liubov Ermolova, of Rensselaer County, wearable art
- Katherine Lewis, of Rockland County, jewelry
- James Miller & Christie Schorf-Miller, of Otsego County, mixed media
- Jenny Pope, of Tompkins County, print making
- Robert Graves, of Allegany County, ceramics
- Joseph Carr, of Monroe County, painting
- Andrea Durfee, of Monroe County, mixed media and painting
- Barbara Decker, of Oneida County, wearable art
- Jeffrey D. Swaluk, of Erie County, painting

They were chosen from more than 400 New York state artists at the 60th annual fine art and crafts festival, which also featured live entertainment, food from favorite area vendors and family art activities.

The awards recognize outstanding creativity and quality of execution.

About the Memorial Art Gallery

MAG's permanent collection spans fifty centuries and includes more than 12,000 objects, from work by regional artists to masters such as Homer, Monet, and Rembrandt.

Housed on a 14-acre campus, the museum also includes the outdoor public Centennial Sculpture Park, featuring four site-specific works that were commissioned from renowned artists Wendell Castle, Albert Paley, Jackie Ferrara and Tom Otterness.

In addition to its collection, MAG offers a year-round schedule of special exhibitions, art classes and camps, lectures, concerts, tours, social events, and family activities.