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**Arts in Healthcare Announces Calendar Contest Winners**

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Oct. 16, 2018) --- Lee Health Arts in Healthcare program is pleased to announce the winners of the annual Art by the DisABLEd Calendar Contest for 2019. Over 40 works were entered and placed on public display in the atrium of HealthPark Medical Center on Wednesday, Oct. 3. A local panel of five judges chose five winners from the entries.

Joleen Forgie won top prize for her piece entitled, Heron -“Selfie”. Joleen is a disabled artist from North Fort Myers. Joleen’s art will be featured on the cover of the 2019 Arts in Healthcare—Lee Health calendar and on permanent display on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of The Rehabilitation Hospital at Lee Memorial Hospital.

Second place went to Gwenn Kranz of Fort Myers for her painting entitled, “Bubblegum Fish”.

Third place was awarded to Carol Murphy of the Lighthouse Center of SW Florida for her work entitled, “Rise and Shine”.

A ‘People’s Choice’ was also awarded to Katie Wolack of Special Populations in Cape Coral for her piece, “Abstract Horse”.

An Honorable Mention Award also went to Maria deLeon, an Arts in Healthcare volunteer and disabled artist in Fort Myers, for her work, “Vanishing History”.

All winning works by the disabled artists in the calendar contest will be featured in the HealthPark Art by the disABLEd Gallery near the atrium through the holiday season. All works are for sale. A portion of the sales goes to the artist and a percentage also goes to the Arts in Healthcare program within Lee Health.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork, please contact Doug MacGregor, Lee Health-Arts in Healthcare Program Coordinator at 343-2633.

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