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And the 14th Annual PEEPshow Winners are...!

The Carroll County Arts Council's 14th Annual PEEPshow at the TownMall of Westminster attracted thousands of visitors who delighted in voting for their favorite marshmallow masterpiece in this annual fundraiser. A total of 134 entries were submitted this year with more than 23,000 Peeps® used to create the works of art which ranged from sculptures and mosaics, to dioramas and films. The Arts Council has raised over \$85,000 from this fundraiser that supports many diverse arts programs throughout the year!

The Audience Favorite winners were as follows:

In Person Votes:

5th Place with 2258 votes, "So Glad to PEEP You Again" by Joe Hamilton

4th Place with 2734 votes, "Peepwood Derby" by Cub Scout Pack 417

3rd Place with 2773 votes, "PeePachu" by Karen Hillman

2nd Place with 4762 votes, "Peep-ola Jukebox" by The Myers Family - Jen, Justin, Connor, & Jacob

1st Place with 5170 votes, "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns

Online Votes:

5th Place with 514 votes, "Nurse of the PEEple" by Karen Talbot, Stephanie Livesay, Charlotte, & Savannah Livesay

4th Place with 546 votes, "Humpty Peep" by Vanessa Leuthold

3rd Place with 559 votes, "Peeps Around the World" by KT World Communications (Katie Conover Marinello)

2nd Place with 1467 votes, "The Flying Feet Running Program" by Jayde Kelly, Jayde Elliott and Sara Elliott

1st Place with 1826 votes, "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns

Grand Prize with 6996 Total Votes (combined 5170 in person and 1826 online), "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns

Sponsors' Choice Awards

Carroll County Maryland Office of Tourism: "Emily Kate PEEP cake" by Emily, Jameson, and Connor Utz

Quantum Internet and Telephone: "The Peoples Wagon" by Nancy Schoenfeld

Ben Rogers of Edward Jones Investments: "Soccer Foosball Peeps" by Ben Miller & Blake Michael

TownMall of Westminster: "So Glad to PEEP You Again" by Joseph Hamilton

Artistic Excellence Awards

"Fun House Mirror" by The Duncan Family

"The Claw" by Brice R. & Ella W.

"PEEPshire Cat" by Lara King

"Straw, Sticks, Bricks and Chicks" by Kristen Christy

"Famous PEEPs of History" by John Fique Illustrator

The winners were announced on the Carroll Arts Center's Facebook page on Monday, April 5. All the winners received a goodie bag with Peeps & Company merchandise and gift certificates and free registration for next year's PEEPshow! The In-Person Audience Favorite winners also received a souvenir trophy hand-crafted by artist Thomas Sterner. The grand prize winner received a sterling silver Peep keychain and a special VIPeeps visit to Just Born, the maker of PEEPS® in Bethlehem, PA.

There were 6,612 jelly beans in the "Guess How Many" exhibit. The winner was Jeannette Noel, who guessed 6,599. The debate over whether Peeps® are better 'fresh' out of the package or on the crunchier 'stale' side has been decided - the winner is 'fresh' by a margin of \$9.71.

For more information and photos of some of the entries, go to www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org

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Grand Prize Winner: "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns