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MOUND ARTIST WINS FIRST PRIZE IN ART EXHIBITION

Mound Resident, Scott Spinks Wins Award for Best Digital Illustration

Fridley, Minnesota, October 16, 2013 – Over 100 works of art from Minnesota artists are currently on display at Banfill Locke Center for the Arts, in Fridley. The annual member show brings together artists from all mediums and displays the work in a “free-to-the-public” gallery. Among this year’s winners is a children’s illustrator from Mound, Minnesota.

Scott Spinks is an illustrator whose work has appeared on television, in film, magazines, children’s literature and comic books. Scott also teaches drawing classes for children and adults at a number of art centers around the Twin Cities. His illustration, “The Magnificent Seven” was awarded a First Prize at the art show.

Juror for the show, Rachel Flentje (Visual Director for the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center) stated, “*The Magnificent Seven* is a strong and well-balanced image. It is full of contrast in the subject (dogs vs. sheep), color choice, as well as line and shape. I especially like that only a couple sheep are aware of the dogs, though the dogs know all too well what is about to happen. I also selected this piece because it has a universal message: I think, at times, we can find ourselves in either of these two camps; sometimes a bit too cocky and sure of our abilities and other times completely unaware of the danger and life changing events that are about to take place.”

Spinks’ illustration humorously portrays the story of seven shelties as they herd a flock of sheep. The dogs in the illustration are the pets of Jean Beuning, owner of *Top Dog Country Club* in New Germany, Minnesota. Upon receiving her own print of the artwork, Beuning said, “I love it! Scott captured the personality of my “Magnificent 7” so perfectly. Every time I look at it, I chuckle with delight.”

Spinks’ image, *The Magnificent Seven* is on display at Banfill Locke Center for the Arts until December 20, 2013. Scott has also been invited to hold more extensive shows of his work at the Red Wing Depot in 2014 and at the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts in 2015.

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