

Seabrook Resident Takes First Place in Computer Imagery Category

Lou Rivera '54

Lou Rivera, a resident of Seabrook in Tinton Falls, has been painting for years. He has immersed himself in various artistic media, including acrylic and watercolor, with the later being his favorite. He is, however, open to new ideas – new imaginative ways of expression.

This mindset has propelled him to a First Place finish in the category of Computer Imagery in the Monmouth County Office on Aging 2013 Monmouth County Senior Citizen Annual Art Show.

The show is taking place through the end of July at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan.

Rivera has blended an age-old art form with technology in his first place award.

“Winter’s Day” is a colorful, vibrant and sharp computer generated image that Rivera created on his iPad. Using a program, he drew the lines, added the color – using his creativity, he made a masterpiece that took home the blue ribbon.

“I’ve painted with watercolor and acrylic before and love to do so, but I also love computers,” Rivera said. “This is when I decided to combine these two interests and develop a new way of creating art for myself.”

Rivera said that his approach to art, whether it be acrylics, watercolors or an iPad, is the same. He conceptualizes what he wants to create and then his imagination takes him there.

“I get many of my ideas from all over,” Rivera said. “I’ll get ideas from reading, watching TV, talking to people, nature – from all over.”

Mr. Rivera probably gets some ideas from the other activities that he does to keep busy, which are plenty. In addition to



Seabrook resident Lou Rivera with his art work “Winter’s Day.”

his art, some of what he does that include volunteer work are walking dogs at the Monmouth County SPCA in Eatontown, and he served for six years on the Board of Management at the Community YMCA in Red Bank.

So while computer art may be the wave of the future, is it the favorite of Lou Rivera?

“Watercolor is still my favorite medium, because of the colors can be very delicate but have a strong presence,” Mr. Rivera said.

Eighteen artists won First Place Ribbons for various categories, including Mr. Rivera. These artists’ work will go on to compete in the 47th Annual New Jersey Senior Citizens Art Show in East Windsor this October.