

# aDORNAMENT winners announced

RAM's ornament contest draws local, out-of-state entries

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**RACINE** — By its very nature, the holiday season brings out a lot of creativity. But, at the invitation of the Racine Art Museum, several dozen people this season took their creativity to a new level.

RAM invited artists of all ages to participate in the museum's handmade holiday ornament competition the museum staff calls aDORNAMENTS. Artists from as far away as Colorado submitted a record-breaking 74 pieces this season, said Jessica Z Schafer, RAM's marketing and publications manager. Awards for aDORNAMENTS were judged by RAM's senior staff and were announced Friday. This festive display includes works by well-known Racine artists as well as ornaments made by local high school students, Schafer said. Schafer and Museum Executive Director Bruce W. Pepich also participated.



Racine Art Museum photos

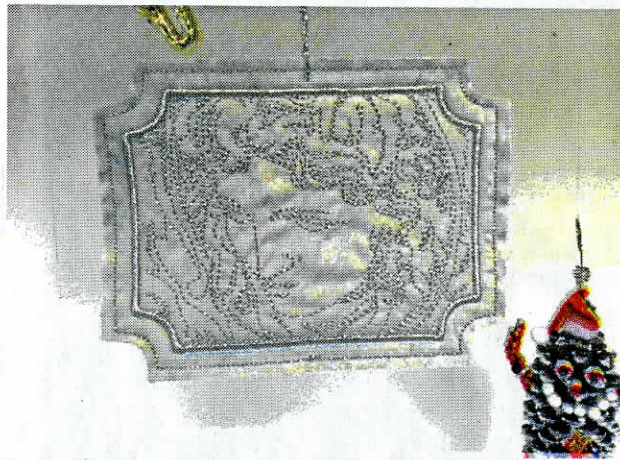
**Kate Singstock** of Racine took first-prize honors in the Racine Art Museum's 2015 aDORNAMENT contest.

The community art exhibition is in its fifth year and this time received the most entrants ever, Schafer said. In addition, this is the first time that RAM has received entries from out of state. Submissions were received from Illinois, Indiana, and Colorado, Schafer said.

As part of its mission to inspire creativity, in advance of aDORNAMENTS' early December submission deadline the museum offered several workshop opportunities for people to participate in the contest and use RAM-supplied accouterments to make an ornament for free.

The ornaments will be on display at the museum, 441 Main St., through Dec. 30.

First and second prizes



**Holly Ottum and Jessica Z Schafer** took third-prize honors in the Racine Art Museum's 2015 aDORNAMENT contest.



**Ann Henkes** of Racine received an honorable mention honor in the Racine Art Museum's 2015 aDORNAMENT contest.

in the competition went to Racine residents: Kate Singstock took top honors and Amanda Cosgrove Paffrath placed second. Third-prize honors went to Holly Ottum and Jessica Z Schafer of Racine



**Amanda Cosgrove Paffrath** of Racine took second-prize honors in the Racine Art Museum's 2015 aDORNAMENT contest.

and Milwaukee and fourth prize went to Julie Wilson of Wellington, Colo.

Honorable mention went to Racine resident Ann Henkes, Charles B. Thorne of Chicago, and

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All 74 aDORNAMENT ornaments will be on display at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., through Dec. 30.

Joseph Kolbeck of Sheboygan.

The complete list of artists in the exhibition:

**Colorado:** Julie Wilson, Wellington; **Illinois:** Cecile Derel, Chicago, Charles B. Thorne, Chicago; Suzanne Neuman, Libertyville; Meg Gruchot, Lindenhurst; Holly Wolf-Mattick, Woodstock; **Indiana:** Sydney Bartel, Carmel; **Wisconsin:** Karen Fairbanks, Franklin; Gene Gasiorkiewicz, Franksville; Josiah Lamberton, Franksville; Sally Lamberton, Franksville; Lilly Lamberton, Franksville; Gillian White, Franksville; Brianna, Kenosha; Ruth E. Lyng, Kenosha; Pat Zuzinec, Kenosha; Liz Siercks, Milwaukee; Bobby Childers, Pleasant Prairie; Daniel Arebalo, Racine; Aleatha Blick, Racine; Christine Bohn, Racine; Isabel Chavez, Racine; Natalie Chulew, Racine; Mason Cowan, Racine; Chad Cushman, Racine; Eli Cushman, Racine; Kristie Cushman, Racine; Ayja Cushman, Racine; Tammy Easton, Racine; Julius

Edwards, Racine; Brandice Edwards, Racine; Latrice Edwards, Racine; Ella, Racine; Andrew Fellner, Racine; James Fellner, Racine; Sam Gerger, Racine; Regina Grandberry, Racine; Ann Henkes, Racine; Megan Humphreys, Racine; Jackson, Racine; Kristine Jacobs, Racine; Arrija Jirgensen, Racine; Marybeth Kallio, Racine; Debra Karp, Racine; Haley Kehl, Racine; Katlyn Kitzing, Racine; Karen Kostos, Racine; Lisa Laitinen, Racine; Isabell Margosian, Racine; Ona Marsh, Racine; Sabrina Marsh, Racine; Florence Michels, Racine; Tyler Nelson, Racine; Amanda Cosgrove Paffrath, Racine; Bruce W. Pepich, Racine; Michael Petersen, Racine; Patty Roberson, Racine; Steve Smiley, Racine; Maria Villalobos, Racine; Kelly Witte, Racine; Laura Grayson, Racine; Peggy Juras, Racine; Rebecca McGowan, Racine; Sr. Jaye Nelson, Racine; Bill Reid, Racine; Kate Singstock, Racine; Mary Spence, Racine; Marybeth Zuhlke, Racine; Holly Ottum, Racine and Jessica Z Schafer, Milwaukee; Joseph Kohlbeck, Sheboygan; Jill Lux, Somers; Ulysses Angel, Sturtevant; Preston, Sturtevant; Cody Schwartz, Union Grove.

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