University Museums Announces 8th Annual Brunner in Bloom Winners

Ames, IA – University Museum’s 8th annual Brunner in Bloom took place March 25th through the 27th, 2016 in the Brunnier Art Museum, located on the second floor of the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center. This highly anticipated annual Ames event attracted over 675 people during the weekend-long celebration of blossoms, blooms, buds, and beautiful art! This annual celebration has grown each year to become a great way to celebrate spring, community and innovative design. This year, eighteen Central Iowa florists, garden clubs, amateur floral artists, and students participated to create arrangements inspired by art from the current exhibition.

The judges revealed this year’s winners during, opening night on March 25th, from 6-8pm in the Brunnier Art Museum. This year’s judges included: Ann-Marie Fiore, Professor and Assoc. Chair, Apparel Events and Hospitality Management; Michael Morain, Des Moines Register Arts Reporter; and Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Ames City Council. The Amateur Excellence Judge was Megan Gilbert of the Iowa State Daily.

The winners of the judged awards included:

Best in Show – Dan Brabec, Coe’s Floral and Gifts

Honorable Mention – Jodi Headrick and Amy Edmondson, Lincoln Center HyVee Floral

Amateur Excellence – Jordan Chavira
Over the course of the three-day event, attendees were encouraged to vote for their favorite arrangement. Of the several hundred votes tallied, the **People’s Choice Award** went to **Brian Smith** of Everts Flowers Home and Gifts.

Be social at Facebook page Brunner in Bloom to view dozens of event and arrangement images and like the page to keep posted on the development of next year’s event.

**Admission and Hours**
The Brunnier Art Museum is located on the second floor of the Scheman Building. Admission is free, however there is a suggested donation of $3 per visitor. The Brunnier Art Museum’s regular public hours are as follows: Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Brunnier Art Museum is closed on Mondays and University holidays. Parking available north and south of the Scheman Bldg. in the Iowa State Center lots.

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