University Museums Announces 9th Annual Brunnier in Bloom Winners

Ames, IA – University Museum's 9th annual Brunnier in Bloom took place March 24th through the 26th, 2017 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 900 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, 16 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 24th, from 6-8pm in the Brunnier Art Museum attended by over 300 people. This year's judges included: Kate Gregory, ISU Senior Vice President for University Services, Rob Wallace, artist and Associate Professor of Botany, and Frankie Parrott. The Amateur Excellence Judge was Vicki Lage.

The winners of the judged awards included:

Best in Show - Kim Reimer, Everts Flowers (pictured above)

Honorable Mentions - Marical Jimenez Greenwood, Lincoln Center Hy-Vee Floral & Brian Smith, Everts Flowers

Amateur Excellence - Stacey Trytek
Over the course of the three-day event, attendees were encouraged to vote for their favorite arrangement. Of the hundreds of votes tallied, the **People’s Choice Award** went to **Brian Smith, Everts Flowers**.

*Thank you to the many donors, sponsors, volunteers and judges and a big congratulations to ALL the competitors this year for creating a fantastic floral weekend!*

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