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## **ARROWMONT SHOWCASES SEVIER COUNTY ARTISTS**

**GATLINBURG**, Tenn. – Juror selections for the 12th Sevier County Biennial Juried Exhibition at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts are final, and the public is cordially invited to an opening reception to honor all participants. The reception and awards presentation will be held Friday, January 21, from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. in Arrowmont's main gallery. Awards of merit and winners of purchase prizes and scholarships will be announced at 7:30 P.M. Hors 'd oeuvres and beverages, much of which has been donated from local restaurants and businesses, will make for festive evening.

"It is with great pleasure that Arrowmont presents this exhibition which recognizes the artistic talent so prevalent in our county," said David Willard, Director of Arrowmont. "For over 20 years, the School has featured the Biennial to proudly display the work of local artists who strive to achieve new ideas through their work."

Juror for the exhibition was Tomi Melson, Executive Director of Piedmont Craftsman, Inc., in Winston-Salem, N.C. She has over 20 years of experience as a curator, and juror of local and regional art exhibitions and festivals. "I was pleased to see such a great number of pieces entered and delighted by the overall quality of the large body of work. Clearly the visual arts are flourishing in Sevier County," said Tomi Melson.

The exhibit showcases the talent of 70 Sevier County artists and includes 125 outstanding works that represent a variety of media including: painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood, ceramics, fibers, basketry, book arts and jewelry.

This exciting display of artworks will be on exhibit Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. Arrowmont's galleries are always free and open to the public Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is located at 556 Parkway in Gatlinburg. Parking is free. For more information, call (865) 436-5860; [info@arrowmont.org](mailto:info@arrowmont.org).

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