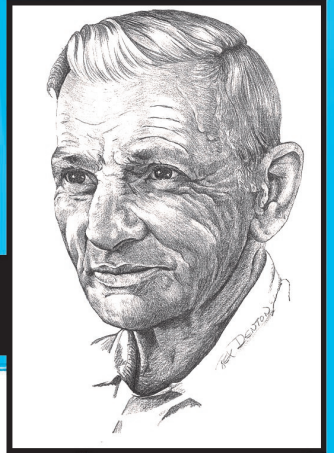


2nd Annual Rex Denton Jr. Artistic Achievement Awards

Registration: August 29th to September 23rd, 2016



**Do you Love to Draw?
Do you have a Pencil?**

**Fordsville Elementary Students
are invited to Participate in this
year's Artistic Achievement Awards!**

Submit your best Pencil Portrait!

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards for each Grade

**Full Details, Guidelines
and Registration Form Attached**

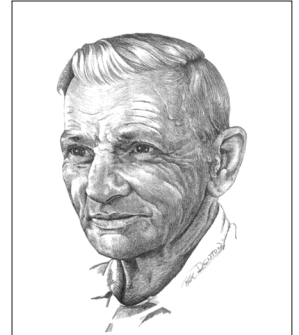
**Best Overall
Artist Award**

FORDSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND L & N DEPOT MUSEUM

Remembers a Friend and Artist—Rex Denton Jr.

January 8, 1919—October 21, 2014

Fordsville lost a gifted artist and beloved citizen in 2014. Rex Denton Jr. passed away on October 21, 2014, at the age of 95. His artistic contribution to our community is immeasurable. The Mission and Objective of the Rex Denton Jr. Artistic Achievement Program is twofold: (1) To celebrate the memory and art of the late Rex Denton Jr. by encouraging the artistic development of the students of Fordsville Elementary School. (2) To recognize the outstanding artistic achievements of Fordsville students with grade specific awards for their participation in the Annual Rex Denton Jr. Pencil Portrait Awards Program.



Dr. Rex Denton

Rex Denton was born on January 8, 1919, to Dr. Rex M. Denton and Nellye (Handey) Denton. Rex was one of five children, his mother Nellye, a poet, and writer, was the first to encourage Rex's creativity. When young Rex was searching for childhood activities, she would hand him a pencil and paper and encourage him to sketch the barns, an old gate, various animals, and landscapes. Rex was in the second grade when his mother signed him up for two after school drawing lessons. His first lesson was in pencil drawing and the second was in ink. After the pencil lesson, Rex presented his mother with a picture of a rabbit that she cherished for many years. Though young Rex only received two lessons, he proved to be a very worthy pupil as his pencil lessons gave him his favorite medium through which he generated hundreds of drawings over his 95 years.



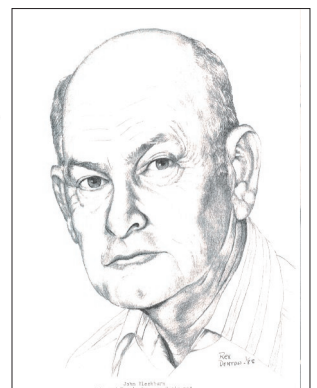
O. K. Bellamy

A stint in the service during World War II triggered a renewed interest in drawing, specifically in portraiture. Inspired by Artist/Illustrator Norman Rockwell, artist Denton also possessed a strong sense of country and community.

Rex always understood the importance of memorializing the people and faces that kept Fordsville strong during the great depression. A face was more than just a face to the late Mr. Denton. He once said, "The eyes, expression lines, and shadows speak of a lifetime of experience both good and bad." Rex's portrait of his Father, Dr. Rex M. Denton was the artist's favorite drawing as well as a beautiful example of his talent.

Denton credited much of his technique as a portrait artist to the fifty years he spent as a school photographer. He photographed thousands of children over the years and learned special techniques by touching up and tinting Senior High School pictures. Each year he purchased hundreds of combs for the students to help them achieve great hair and smiles.

Besides his numerous portraits, Rex Denton's contributions to the Fordsville Community included the Fordsville L & N Depot Museum logo and painting, the cover illustration for Mrs. Edith Freer's book, *The History of Fordsville, Ohio County, Kentucky* and all of the illustrations for John Blackburn's book, *A Hundred Miles a Hundred Heartbreaks*.



John Blackburn

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1. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** All legal responsibilities of a student under these official rules are assumed by the student's parent or legal guardian.
2. **ENTRIES:** Student and parents must complete, sign and return their Entry Form to the Fordsville Elementary School Art Department as soon as possible (Form is on the back of Rules and Guidelines Page 2).
3. **DEADLINES:** All portraits must be submitted to Art Instructor, Alice Petty, no later than the end of the school day September 23, 2016.
4. **LIMITATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:** Entries must be the original work of the student and must not infringe upon third party rights or previously have won awards.
5. **SUBJECT SPECIFICATIONS, MEDIUM, AND PAPER:**
 - The medium for this year's event is pencil (No colored pencils). A regular no 2 Pencil is fine. We suggest you get white eraser heads for your pencils or purchase a gum eraser to keep the smudges under control. Regular pencil erasers leave black smudges.
 - Paper: 8 1/2 X 11-inch paper, white or cream only. It can be standard copy paper or from a drawing pad of the same size. No tracing paper is allowed.
 - Type of Subject: **PORTRAIT OR HEAD ONLY**. Including: Humans, Animals, Wildlife or Fantasy Characters.
 - No tracing or imprinting is allowed.
 - A student may sketch from a photograph, or from an existing image found in a book, magazine or online. Example: Family member, friend, favorite fantasy character, sports or historical figure, favorite pet.
6. **PARTICIPANTS:** The Rex Denton Jr. Artistic Achievement Award Program is open only to Fordsville Elementary School Students.

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7. **JUDGING AND AWARDS:** All First, Second and Third Place winners and the Best Overall Artist and Special Recognition awards will be presented at the school awards presentation ceremony on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 (Date and time subject to change per school event scheduling).
8. The Fordsville Historical Society reserves the right to copy and publish all submitted artwork for advertising and promotional purposes.

AWARD DETAILS

1st Place Winners	1 from each grade level	\$30 and framed certificate
2nd Place Winners	1 from each grade level	\$20 and a paper certificate
3rd Place Winners	1 from each grade level	\$10 and a paper certificate
One student will be chosen as the Best Overall Artist and receive \$100 and a framed certificate		
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS for those who show great promise		
• Rex Denton's Special Pick (a 2nd Grade Student Recognition Award)		
• Committee Chairperson Award		
Note: Ties will be reevaluated and may result in honorable mention awards. All participants will receive a Certificate of Achievement for their participation		

SIGNATURES: By signing the Rex Denton Artistic Achievement Awards Registration Form you accept and acknowledge you have read and understand (1) All the guidelines and rules associated with the Rex Denton Jr. Artistic Achievement Awards Program. (2) That registration gives the Fordsville Historical Society and Museum the right to publish all winners/applicants photographs in the newspaper and on the Fordsville Days and Rex Denton Jr. websites as well as scanned images of their drawings. Parent understands that all portrait submissions will be completed at school, and all activities surrounding this program including the awards ceremony will be held during school hours and on school property.

REGISTRATION ATTACHED

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Registration Form

The following student is registering for the
Rex Denton Jr. Artistic Achievement Award Program.

Important: Return this form to Art Instructor, Alice Petty as soon as possible.
DEADLINE for portrait submission is September 23, 2016, at the end of the school day.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Age: ____ **Grade:** ____ **Male:** ____ **Female:** ____

Note: Teachers or Parents/Guardians can assist Kindergarten through Second Graders (including Special Needs Students) with the following questions. Third through Sixth Graders, please complete in your own words and handwriting.

1. What is the title of your drawing? _____

2. Who or what is the subject of your drawing? _____

3. Why or how did you choose your subject? _____

STUDENTS NAME: _____ **has my permission to participate in the Rex Denton Jr., Artistic Achievement Awards Program. I have read, understood and agree with all of the rules and guidelines. In addition, I give the Fordsville Historical Society permission to display or use a photograph of my child and/or his drawing to promote and advertise the Rex Denton Jr., Artistic Achievement Award Program.**

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____