



COUNCIL PRESENTATION

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Art Award Presentation

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BACKGROUND:

Four business were nominated by the members of the Grand Rapids Arts & Culture Commission as being great 'stewards' of promoting the arts in our city. Those nominations were put on the City Facebook page and the public was able to vote for their favorite. Jenn Gorman, with the Night Makers Market, won the largest number of votes for her mobile Night Makers Market. If you are not familiar with the Night Makers Market...a few times a month anywhere from 10-25 local artisans set up a 'pop up' location where they can sell their handmade creations. Jenn created this 'mobile shop idea'- she advertises for these events and lines up locations for the pop up art fair to happen etc...She also, is an artist herself.

Her pop-up locations are always bustling with folks who come out to mingle and check out the latest and greatest artistic creations. Her advocacy in exposing local artists to the public to sell their handmade wares are always fun and it is not easy work. Her organization and clear passion for all things creative have won her the 2023 Mayor's Art Award!

Other nominations were, Rapids Brewing for hosting Night Makers Market as well as local music offering the public a venue to enjoy some arts.

Grand Itasca, for having a lot of local art hung al around the beautiful GICH campus for patients and the public to enjoy.

Frame Up for preserving art and selling local art-