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# THE TROUT MUSEUM *of* ART

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## **31<sup>st</sup> Annual SECURA Fine Arts Exhibition Opens Friday, May 20** **Exhibit Features New Work by Betty Proper**

(APPLETON, WI) –Appleton painter Betty Proper is the featured artist at the 31<sup>st</sup> SECURA Fine Arts Exhibition, organized by The Trout Museum of art and displayed at the SECURA Insurance Companies headquarters in Appleton. A series of Proper's recent oil paintings will be on display in SECURA's atrium starting Friday at 4 pm and running through Sunday.

Proper was awarded Best-in-Show in 2010 and along with his cash award came a coveted invitation to be the featured artist this year. "Betty Proper is a thoughtful painter," said The Trout Museum of Art Executive Director Timothy Riley. "She captures the spirit of her subjects, which include people and places in our community." said Riley.

In addition to Proper's paintings nearly 60 other works will be exhibited out of a total of over 150 entries submitted. The work was selected by Appleton artist, Julie Jilek.

The SECURA show, regarded as one of the region's top competitive art exhibitions, awards cash prizes for first, second, third place and the coveted "best-of-show" award. Winners will be announced at The Trout Museum of Art on Thursday at 12:00 noon.

- (Best of Show-\$400 cash prize) Michelle Richeson (Neenah) for *Prairie Rose*, oil on linen
- (First Place-\$300 cash prize) Sally Berner (Green Bay) *Catching the Last Rays*, oil on canvas
- (2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$200 cash prize) John Wos (Oshkosh) *A Rose with Tea*, oil on canvas
- (3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$100 cash prize) Bruce Bodden (Neenah) *Farm by Ripon*, marguetry

Six honorable mention awards were also given. The recipients are: Kathryn Bender (Oshkosh), Gary Hanks (Appleton), Jeff Hargreaves (Appleton) Lenore Ryan (Appleton), Margaret Schueppert (Sturgeon Bay), and Cynthia Tumpach (Green Bay)

Michelle Richeson, best-of-show winner, will be invited to be the featured artist in 2012.

The Trout Museum of Art's  
SECURA Fine Arts Exhibition

### **Hours**

Friday, May 20 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 22 11 a.m. –3 p.m. (awards ceremony 2 p.m.)

### **Exhibition Location**

SECURA Insurance Campus  
2401 South Memorial Drive  
Appleton, WI  
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Admission to SECURA Fine Arts Exhibition is free and open to the public.

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