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## **PADDLES AWEIGH FAVORITES ANNOUNCED**

Friends of the Rivers is pleased to announce the winners of the recent Paddles Aweigh community art project. The project's goals are to raise river awareness, engage our community and promote river recreation, as well as to fund classroom field trips aboard Sweet Breeze, Fort Wayne's authentic canal boat.

Paddles may be seen on display through December at the Allen County Public Library main library, Community Center, First Presbyterian Church, Sweetwater, Turnstone and Visit Fort Wayne. There are 18 paddles still available for sale at \$125. Paddles available for sale may be seen online at [RideSweetBreeze.org](http://RideSweetBreeze.org) after October 15.

Categories and winners of People's Choice winners include (Artist, Title: Sponsor):

### **People's Choice Favorite Paddle (Tie)**

- Kathy Minnich, Paddle Bass Guitar: Sweetwater – Lisa and Chuck Surack
- Jim Brune, Great Blue Heron: PNC

### **Most Imaginative Paddle**

Mike Schmid, Paddle Fish: Diane and Ron Menze

### **Most Dazzling Paddle (Tie)**

- Jonathan Barker, A fish. On a paddle. For the rivers!: Lutheran Health Network
- Shanon Colter and Maddie McHenry, Glow: Omni Source LLC
- Cindy Friend, Industrial River Adventure: Shambaugh & Sons
- Kathy Steininger, She Sells Seashells...: Steininger Development



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### **Cutest Paddle**

- Cass House Girls, Pinocchio: Cass Housing

### **Best Interpretation of Fort Wayne (Tie)**

- Amy Keller, untitled: Steel Dynamics
- Julia Meek, Share the Journey: Irene and Bob Walters

### **Best Interpretation of Rivers Paddle**

- Janel Johnson, 4 Days on the Maumee: Wayne Shive