LAKE CHARLES, April 26 (SpJ) — The work of area artists will be features in the fourth and final Art Associates Exhibit of the 1961-62 season opening May 4 in the old Wilson Motor Company showroom at 1115 Ryan. It was announced Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Farley, co-chairmen of the exhibit.

Artists from the metropolitan areas of Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Alexandria, Natchitoches, and Lake Charles will take part in the show. In addition, artists of the Texas area of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange will be represented.

$400 Award

Interest in the show is proving to be great Mr. Farley stated. He explained that this is probably true because of the $400 grand purchase award to be made for the best piece of art in the show. In addition there will be five cash prizes of $75 each for five additional winning artists.

The grand purchase award picture will be added to the Art Associates permanent collection now being developed in anticipation of the day when the Calcasieu area will have its own permanent museum of art.

One of the judges will be James Johnson Sweeney, director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Tex. Mr. Sweeney has been associated with the Guggenheim Museum of Fine Arts in New York. He is the author of a great many books in the field and a recognized art critic. He is currently president of the International Association of Art Critics.

Delgado Museum Director

James Byrnes, the other judge, is director of the Delgado Museum, New Orleans. Mr. Byrnes is well known for the outstanding reputation he has built for this museum.

The Art Show will include sculpture as well as paintings in many mediums. Judging is scheduled to be carried out over this coming weekend with announcements of the awards to be made at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 13.

A Premier showing for members of the Art Associates is scheduled for Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., May 3, at the old Wilson Motor Company Building, 1115 Ryan Street.

The exhibit will be open to the public beginning Friday May 4 through Sunday, May 13. Exhibit hours will be week days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 noon, and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.