

Regional high school students claim SSCC Art Showcase honors

The annual Appalachian Gateway Regional High School Art Showcase was held Feb. 28 on Southern State Community College's South Campus in Fincastle, with students in Southern State's region claiming honors for outstanding artistic talent.

"We are so very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to young artists and to highlight the importance of divergent thinking and creative expression," said Jennifer Wenker, SSCC art instructor and showcase juror. "Creativity, innovation, and out-of-the-box thinking are critical skills for our young people as they enter adulthood in the 21st century. Where much funding has lately been channeled into the STEM programs (science, technology, engineering and math), it is short-sighted to believe that real innovation can be achieved without inclusion and funding of programs that teach innovative and creative thinking.

"In this time of spending cuts, we gratefully acknowledge the forward thinking, hard work and scrappy resourcefulness of fine arts educators, boards of education and administrators for keeping and promoting the arts in their high schools."

ADAMS COUNTY

In the Best of Schools category, Corey Cross of Peebles H.S. won Best of School for "Hand," and John Penn of Peebles H.S. won Reserve Best of School for "Reds."

In the Fiber Arts & Art Crafting category, John Penn of Peebles H.S. won second place for "Reds" (hand beading).

In the Sculpture category, honorable mention was awarded to Lawyer Glazebrook of Peebles H.S. for "LUCK" (paperboard construction).

BROWN COUNTY

In the Best of Schools category, Patrick Hayes of Eastern H.S. won Best of School for "Collide," and Nicole Powers of Eastern H.S. won Reserve Best of School for "Octopus Prime." Amanda Varney of Georgetown H.S. won Best of School for "African Child," and Brittany Neff of Georgetown H.S. won Reserve Best of School for "Sloth." Ally Vance of Western Brown H.S. won Best of School for "Pressure," and Abigayle Krick of Western Brown H.S. won Reserve Best of School for "Panda."

In the Drawing-B&W category, Ally Vance of Western Brown H.S. won first place for "Pressure" (charcoal); and honorable mention was awarded to Brittany Webb of Western Brown H.S. for "On You" (charcoal), Amanda Varney of Georgetown H.S. for both "African Child" and "Taylor Swift" (graphite), Allison Newberry of Georgetown H.S. for "Jar of Memories" (graphite), and Abigayle Krick of Western Brown H.S. for "Panda" (charcoal).

In the Drawing-Color category, honorable mention was awarded to Christina Smith of Western Brown H.S. for “By the Bay” (marker), and Faa Thanbang of Western Brown H.S. for “Summer Meadow” (marker).

In the Graphic Arts category, Patrick Hayes of Eastern H.S. won second place for “Collide” (marker); and honorable mention was awarded to Sydney Yockey of Eastern H.S. for “The Rabbits (marker).

In the Pottery/Ceramic Arts category, honorable mention was awarded to Nicole Powers of Eastern H.S. for “Octopus Prime” (glazed hand-built ceramic form).

In the Oil & Acrylic Painting category, honorable mention was awarded to Kaelyn McLaren of Georgetown H.S. for “High Class” (oil on canvas), Christina Brown of Western Brown H.S. for “Orchids” (acrylic on cardboard), and Ally Vance of Western Brown H.S. for “A History Lesson” (acrylic on cardboard).

In the Watercolor Painting category, honorable mention was awarded to Abigayle Krick of Western Brown H.S. for “Loving Hearts.”

In the Mixed Media category, honorable mention was awarded to Brittany Neff of Georgetown H.S. for both “Sloth” (fabric/lace/paint), and “Greed” (mixed media).

CLINTON COUNTY

Katelyn Wolary of Wilmington High School claimed the highest award with Overall Best of Show honors awarded to her oil painting entitled “Self Portrait.”

In the Best of Schools category, Marissa McDonough of Blanchester H.S. won Best of School for “Gandalf with Moth,” Katelyn Wolary of Wilmington H.S. won Best of School for Self Portrait,” and Sumer Mangan of Wilmington H.S. won Reserve Best of School for “Happily Blind.”

In the Drawing-B&W category, Gabriella Tucaliuc of Wilmington H.S. won second place for “Me, Myself and I” (ink fingerprints).

In the Drawing-Color category, Katy Whiting of Wilmington H.S. won first place for “Me” (color pencil), Gabriella Tucaliuc of Wilmington H.S. won second place for “Wild Side” (color pencil); and honorable mention was awarded to Molly Dixon of Wilmington H.S. for “Graceful” (pastel).

In the Graphic Arts category, Sarah Milner of Wilmington H.S. won third place for “Ladybug Love” (marker).

In the Fiber Arts & Art Crafting category, Amber Tackett of Wilmington H.S. won first place for “Odio Los Pesados” (book arts).

In the Sculpture category, Sumer Mangan of Wilmington H.S. won first place with “Happily Blind” (hand-built stoneware with stains), Rebecca Putnum of Wilmington H.S. won second place with “The Climb” (reclaimed rusted aluminum pop tabs), Blake Carter of Wilmington H.S. won third place with “Tree of Critters” (hand-built clay) and honorable mention was awarded to Rebecca Putnum of Wilmington H.S. for “Beatrice the Elephant” (found object assemblage).

In the Pottery/Ceramic Arts category, third place was awarded to Molly Dixon of Wilmington H.S. for “Free as a Bird” (sgraffito/wheel-turned cup); and honorable mention was awarded to Sumer Mangan of Wilmington H.S. for “Where Am I?” (sgraffito/wheel-turned cup).

In the Oil & Acrylic Painting category, Katelyn Wolary of Wilmington H.S. won first place for “Self Portrait” (oil on panel), Kelly Gehlbach of Wilmington H.S. won second place for “Brutus (oil on canvas), and Sumer Mangan of Wilmington H.S. won third place for “Secret Colors” (oil on canvas).

In the Watercolor Painting category, Petrina Reynolds of Wilmington H.S. won first place for “Fantasy Plant,” Mai Cooper of Wilmington H.S. won third place for “Blossoms,” and honorable mention was awarded to Katie Whiting of Wilmington H.S. for “Bliss Lies Within,” Katelyn Wolary of Wilmington H.S. for “Senior Year,” and Ben Kennedy of Wilmington H.S. for “Below the Surface.”

In the Fine Art Photography category, Katy Randolph of Wilmington H.S. won first place for “Branches of Thought” (b&w film multiple exposure), MacKenzie Kennedy of Wilmington H.S. won second place for “Splish Splash” (color digital), Madison Wymer of Wilmington H.S. won third place for “A Stranger to Love” (b&w film), and honorable mention was awarded to Katy Randolph of Wilmington H.S. for “A Walk in the Cemetery” (b&w film/multiple exposure), Katelyn Wolary of Wilmington H.S. for “Forethought” (b&w film/multiple exposure), and Kelly Gehlbach of Wilmington H.S. for “In the Clouds” (color digital).

In the Mixed Media category, Madison Wymer of Wilmington H.S. won second place for “Let Your Mind Wonder” (string & paint collograph); and honorable mention was awarded to Sammie Tackett of Wilmington H.S. for “Mystical Window Frame” (cardboard collograph).

HIGHLAND COUNTY

Bridget Brooks of Hillsboro High School claimed Overall Reserve Best of School with her pottery entitled “Coil Pots.”

In the Best of Schools category, Sarah Looney of Greenfield McClain H.S. won Best of School for “Eye of the Tiger,” Marisa Hike of Greenfield McClain H.S. won Reserve Best of School for “Masquerade,” Bridget Brooks of Hillsboro H.S. won Best of School for “Coil Pots,” Tony Cole of Hillsboro H.S. won Reserve Best of School for “Fallen From Grace,” Miranda Ayres of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. won Best of School for “Swirlist T,” and Ashley McGuire of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. won Reserve Best of School for “Nebula Garden.”

In the Drawing-B&W category, Sarah Looney of Greenfield McClain H.S. won third place for “Eye of the Tiger” (charcoal); and honorable mention was awarded to Marisa Hike of Greenfield McClain H.S. for “Michael Buble” (pen and ink stippling).

In the Drawing-Color category, Dominique Burns of Hillsboro H.S. won third place for “Masquerade” (pastel); and honorable mention was awarded to Rachel Archibald of Hillsboro H.S. for “Autumn” (color pencil).

In the Computer-Generated Art category, Destiny Crutcher of Hillsboro H.S. won first place for “I Love You,” Kaitlyn Umphries of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. won second place for “Million Me’s,” and Ashley McGuire of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. won third place for “Nebula Garden.”

In the Graphic Arts category, Miranda Ayres of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. won first place for “Swirlist T” (color pencil); and honorable mention was awarded to Gabriel Kirsch of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. for “Keys Within” (marker).

In the Sculpture category, honorable mention was awarded to Elayna Ward of Hillsboro H.S. for “Ellie” (collaged paper mache).

In the Pottery/Ceramic Arts category, Bridget Brooks of Hillsboro H.S. won first place for “Coil Pots” (glazed coil-built vessels), and Maddie Colliver of Hillsboro H.S. won second place for “Coil” (large coil-built vessel)

In the Oil & Acrylic Painting category, honorable mention was awarded to Marisa Hike of Greenfield McClain H.S. for “Masquerade” (oil on panel), Alissa Hauke of Hillsboro H.S. for “Still Life of My Life” (thinned acrylic on paper), and Ty Johnston of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. for “Birch Trees” (acrylic on panel).

In the Watercolor Painting category, Marcy Grooms of Hillsboro H.S. won second place for “The Art of Music,” and honorable mention was awarded to Elizabeth Moats for “Spring Showers.”

In the Printmaking category, Tony Cole of Hillsboro H.S. won first place for “Fallen From Grace” (linoleum block on brown paper towel), Destiny Crutcher of Hillsboro H.S. won second place for “Bye Bye Birdie” (linoleum block on fused fabric), Erin Rhonemus of Hillsboro H.S. won third place for “Giraffe” (linoleum block on metallic paper); and honorable mention was awarded to Emily Bolton of Hillsboro H.S. for “The Beginning” (linoleum block on paper).

In the Mixed Media category, Destiny Crutcher of Hillsboro H.S. won first place for “I Dare You to Move” (leather, wire, paper/interactive), Rebecca Wagner of Hillsboro H.S. won third place for “Under the Sea” (yarn, beads, paint, glue); and honorable mention was awarded to MacKenzie Stevens of Lynchburg-Clay H.S. for “Creepy Cat” (cut paper collage), Elayna Ward of Hillsboro H.S. for “Good Old Days” (collage/ephemera, feathers, buttons), and Sara Dye of Lynchburg Clay H.S. for “Verde Glare” (cut paper collage).

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