



2009 Scholastic Art Awards Selected in Regional Competition

Artworks by more than 100 students from the region are on display at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley as part of the Scholastic Art Awards program now through Jan. 31.

This is the 10th year that students from the counties of Montgomery, Wythe, Roanoke, Pulaski, Giles and Floyd and the City of Radford have been eligible to submit artwork for regional level judging, according to Judy Ison, the center's executive director.

The Scholastic Art Awards program is the country's largest and longest running competition for students in grades 7-12. The Fine Arts Center is one of 90 sponsors from across the country to host the regional judging. "We're fortunate to have the Southwest Times and the Bank of America Foundation join us as co-sponsors for this important program, which recognizes the talent and creativity of the students and is a tribute to the quality of art education they're receiving from their teachers in Southwest Virginia," Ison said.

One of the competition's judges, Aileen Fletcher, said she was very impressed with the quality of the artwork. "We saw many works that would be considered college-level," said Fletcher, who teaches at New River Community College.

More than 230 entries were received for the competition, and gold and silver keys were awarded to winners. Gold key artworks will be forwarded to the next round of national judging in New York. Five artworks also were designated as nominees for the "American Vision Award", and one of these five will be selected at the national level to represent the region in the Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibit this summer.

The Fine Arts Center is located in downtown Pulaski.

Scholastic 2009 Gold Key Winners

BURTON CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY:

Eric Griffin
Brie Pinero
Eddie Resnick
Shelley Skibinski

CAVE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL:

Laura Dodson
Cory D'Orazio
Ashley Hodges
Billy O'Brien
Megan Pendleton
Kennon Wright

CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL:

Gavin Blevins

DUBLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Haley Jones

HIDDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:

Madeline Blake
Zach Brenton
Jacob Campbell
Eric Kessler
Casey Landey
Keith Pfeiffer
Rebecca Scogin
Lauren Strong
McKenzie Via
Eric Weisman

MARION SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Sheena Aker
Laurelyn Arthur
Emily Lockhart
Taylor Mershon
David Rivero
Megan Rose
Hannah Smith
Rachael Vernon



Scholastic 2009 Silver Key Winners

BURTON CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY:

Amanda Davis
Khadijah Fountain
Sydney Glassman
Kinsey Hinrichs
Courtney Poff
Eddie Resnick
Kelley Sharpe
Shelley Skibinski
Rachael St.Pierre
Katie Tomlinson

CAVE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL:

PJ Anderson
Monica Boatwright
Jodi Bryant
Lauren Bryant
Esther Cho
Stephanie Coleman
Laura Dodson
Cory D'Orazio
Ashley Hodges
Angela Huang
Kelli Long
Tyler McCoy
Lauren Nielsen
Billy O'Brien
Mitali Patel
Sarah Schaefer
Caleb Varney
Daniel Wright
Kennon Wright
Meredith Young
Sarah Zillioux
Colleen Zimmerman

CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL:

Joey Blevins
Ashley Helbert

DUBLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Kelsey Akers
Chris Belcher
Cierra Huff
Kourtney Stuart

HIDDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:

Katie Farrell
Dylan James
Keith Pfeiffer
Rebecca Scogin
Lilin Tan
John Tyree
McKenzie Via
Emily Waddell

MARION SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Mathew Able
Kelly Felty
Alfred Goodrich
Abbey Johnson
Lucas Patton
Megan Rose
Megan Shuler
Nicole Stupin
Danielle Sturgill
Amber Wagoner
Michael Wood
Shelby Woods

NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL:

Chelsy Lawrence
Ana Morales