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Multi-Faith Saskatchewan recognizes young artists

The annual Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art Project sponsored by Multi-Faith Saskatchewan has recognized 17 Saskatchewan high school students for their submissions to the contest.

Prizes were awarded April 22 at an Earth Day and Awards Presentation ceremony in Westminster United Church, Regina.

The awards contest is sponsored annually by Multi-Faith Saskatchewan in partnership with several community organizations including Regina Multi-Faith Forum.

Krishan Kapila, co-chair of the project said the contest is an opportunity for youth to use art to express their thoughts and feelings about peace, unity, love and care of the earth, all values that are encouraged by Multi-Faith Saskatchewan.

The top 15 award winners in the contest will receive cash awards, plaques and certificates.

The first prize of \$125 was awarded to Denton Dietz, Grade 11, Holy Cross High School, Saskatoon. The purpose of Denton's piece is to demonstrate the wisdom that nature holds. "Often we look for wisdom in material and industrial situations, but it can often be found in nature itself," he said.

Second place was earned by Cassidy Erickson, Grade 10 of Tisdale Middle and High School and she received a Prize \$100. She wanted to show that people can express their feelings when they look at her painting.

The third prize of \$75 was awarded to Kira Wilson, Grade 9, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon. Her work represents peace in different ways and from different angles and upbringings.

Karen Yang, Grade 10, Centennial Collegiate, earned the fourth prize of \$50.

The fifth to 10th finalists received \$25 each while the 11th to 15th finalists were awarded \$15 each. They were: Cassidy Dailey, Grade 11, Holy Cross High School, Saskatoon; Karissa Shepherd, Grade 9, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon; Danielle Nasibog, Grade 9, Rosetown Central High School; Hannah Lasell, Grade 9, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon; Erin Stewart, Grade 12, Oxbow High School, Oxbow; Emma Ledding, Grade 9, Rosetown Central High School, Rosetown; Hailey Weber, Grade 11, Holy Cross High School, Saskatoon; Yulya Golden, Grade 12, St. Luke School, Regina; Samantha Munholland, Grade 9, Oxbow High School,

Oxbow; Payten Jennison-Snaith, Grade 9, Rosetown Central High School, Rosetown; and Emily Crevost, Grade, 9, Oxbow High School, Oxbow.

Two young artists who were given honorable mention were Maha Abbas, Grade 12, Evan Hardy Collegiate, Saskatoon, and Kaylee Bissonnette, Grade 11, Ecole Providence, Vonda.

Sponsors of the Saskatchewan Youth Visual Arts Contest include: SaskCulture, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, Regina Eastview Rotary Club; B'nai Brith Lodge 739, Saskatoon, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Saskatchewan Arts Educators Association, Elmer Brenner and Dr. Roberta MacKay, Hindu Samaj of Southern Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

All 17 finalists received medals and certificates.

The organizing committee for the Visual Art Project consisted of: Krishan Kapila and David Katzman, co-chairs; Frank Armistead, community liaison, and Meenakshi Manocha, curator.

The students received their awards in an event that also marked the celebration of Earth Day. The special guest speaker was Bert Pitzel, social justice co-ordinator, Catholic Archdiocese of Regina. Through his office, he promotes right relationships, in particular restorative justice, economic justice, ecological justice, international and intergenerational justice in order to fulfill his vision of building a world of beauty, peace and sharing.

Photos of Earth Day and Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art Awards



Bert Pitzel addresses Earth Day and VAP Awards



Gagan Deep Singh and Maneeshka Manocha prepare art display



VAP Co-Chair Krishan Kapila explain project



Neeraj Saroj of MCoS greets audience



MFS President Moses Kanhai thanks Glen McNarma of Regina Eastview Rotary



MFS Vice-President Amr Henni thanks Guest Speaker Bert Pitzel



Elmer Brenner, judge, comments on art works



Sponsor Elmer Brenner presents award



Student receives award from Ranjit Narayanaswamy



RMFF Vice-President Dwaine Dornan introduces speaker



Glen McNarma presents award



Dr. Roberta McKay presents award



VAP Committee and art award recipients. David Katzman of the committee was absent.

Other News

Living Heritage: Sharing the Land

Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and the Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy are jointly sponsoring the Living Heritage Symposium on Friday May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, 2445 Albert Street, Regina.

Other event sponsors are SaskCulture, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and Heritage Saskatchewan.

The symposium is intended to showcase and encourage the expression of knowledge, skills and practices of Living Heritage that emphasizes the human experience of each individual and shapes our sense of identity, belonging and place in the world.

The 2017 event will focus on sharing the land, with the sharing of stories through the eyes of those who are new to Canada and those who are not.

It will explore how we balance cultural continuity with change and integration and how can the perspective of the newcomer shed light on the injustices faced by indigenous people. Through performance, interactive exercises and presentations, the event will explore how the land can be shared.

Keynote speaker will be Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little House on the Prairie and author of *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque*.

Anyone wishing to attend the symposium can register at www.schoolofpublicpolicy.ca (please select “News and Events,” followed by “Upcoming Events” and the appropriate date). There is no cost to attend, but seating is limited.

Multi-Faith Saskatchewan Board Meeting

The Board will meet this Saturday May 6 at 2 p.m. in Davidson United Church, 315 Lincoln Street, Davidson. All MFS members are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in discussions. Please contact Secretary Russell Mitchell-Walker at russell.eastside@sasktel.net if you plan to attend.

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions to this newsletter. Please contact Moses Kanhai, President, Multi-Faith Saskatchewan at kanhaim@accesscomm.ca

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