

Massasoit Arts Festival - Picture Perfect

May 29, 2013

Canton, MA – This year's **Arts Festival** was held May 19th at the Canton Campus, 10:00am to 5:00pm. The weather cooperated, there was live music in the Open Juried Show Tent, the steamroller printmaking demonstration and the gourmet food trucks were a big hit. The YMCA provided a giant inflatable obstacle course for the kids, and youngsters had a great time in the Kid's Activity Tent. Visitors came from near and far to shop at twenty five crafters and artisan's tables, take a chance on great raffle items, and of course, enjoy the art exhibits displayed throughout the building. Bridgewater Credit Union was once again Masterpiece Sponsor. Also funded in part by grants from Canton, Avon, Milton, and Randolph Cultural Councils. Proceeds to benefit the Visual Arts Department.

The spotlight of the Arts Festival was on three juried art shows, each with prizes, awards, and ribbons: the Open Juried Art Show a giant tent; the Massasoit Students Juried Show in the Akillian Gallery; and the Regional High School Juried Art Show 4th floor art studios. Here are the results:

The **Open Juried Show** award recipients for **Painting** were: Deb Putnam of South Boston, 1st Place; Marco Viscarra of Randolph, 2nd Place; Anton Repa of Milton, 3rd Place; with Honorable Mentions to Paul Hitchen of Somerset, Cid Neremberg of Milton, Paul Ray of Rockland, Chris Reid of Scituate, Gary Rickson of Roxbury, and Paula Darios Verlicco of Weymouth. **Drawing Mixed Media & Printmaking**: Mona Podgurski of Canton, 1st Place; Susan Kerrigan of Cohasset, 2nd Place, George Yee of Belmont, 3rd Place; with Honorable Mentions to Sarah Lurie of Randolph, and Marco Viscarra of Randolph. Photography: Katya Rozenzweig of Belmont, 1st and 2nd Place, Bob Keenan of Quincy; with Honorable Mentions to Ralph Bevivino of Canton, James Graves of Saugus, Janet Ilmonen of Middleboro, and Katya Rosenzweig of Belmont. And from the category of Drawing Mixed Media & Printmaking, Tina Osberg-Rhode of Waban, won Best of Show for Printmaking.

Massasoit Students Juried Show award recipients: 1st Place, Donna Lynn Bartlett of Norwood, Graphic Design; 2nd Place, Aubrey Towne of Canton, Fine Arts; and 3rd Place, Abria Jones of Boston, Graphic Design. The Alice L. Wall Best of Show was awarded to Nina David of Walpole. Honorable Mentions went to Melissa Carpenter, Nina David, Rebecca Hallal, Mark McDonagh, and Darlene Thevenin.

Regional High School Juried Show award recipients: 1st Prize, Nick Bates, Blue Hills Regional High School; 2nd Prize, Claire Fichman, Canton High School; 3rd Prize, Alan I., FL Chamberlain International School; with Honorable Mentions to Avon High School's: Scott O'Rourke, Daniel Jean-Baptiste, and Emily Williams; Blue Hills Regional High School's Randi Crews with two for Ken Lee Mercury; Canton High School's Madeline McMahan; Chamberlain International School's, Beth C.; Randolph High School's Quynh Nhu Vu; and Southeastern Regional High School's James Dolar and Deirdre Atchison.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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