

CONNECTICUT ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEWS

NATIONAL WINNERS -- SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

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FIFTEEN CONNECTICUT STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE 87TH NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Honors Include a Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 9

New York, NY -- Connecticut's top young artists who recently won Gold and Silver awards in the 21st Regional Scholastic Art Awards, have been selected for another honor – the prestigious 87th National Scholastic Art Awards. Fifteen students, who are among the more than 1,000 student winners nation-wide, will receive the awards at a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall, New York City on June 9.

Their portfolios and other selected work will be showcased at the World Financial Center, New York City, from June 9 through June 25. An opening reception will be held there on June 10.

These national award winners' work was among 651 works in all media originally selected for the 21st annual Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards competition held in January at the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford. Gold and silver medalists from the regional level were then selected for entry into the national competition, demonstrating the most outstanding achievement in technique, originality and personal vision.

National Gold Medalists include:

Grace Coolidge, printmaking, Francis Walsh Intermediate School, Branford, Kristin DiCarlo, Leslie French-Hinde, teachers.

Gianna D'Amico, fashion, Bethel High School, Ann Bogart, teacher.

Rachel Finlaw, photography, Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Michele Hermsen.

Sean Frisoli, photography, New Canaan High School, Jeanne McDonagh, teacher.

Emily Grayson, photography, Ridgefield High School, Anne Lester & Jessica Yagid, teachers.

Sara Hill, ceramics, Newtown High school, Carol Pelligra, teacher.

Youngmin Lee, drawing, South Windsor High School, Nancy Greco, teacher.

Emily Parks, photography, Woodstock Academy, Robert Reas, teacher.

Lauren Reilly, sculpture, Memorial High School, Southbury, David Santamaria, teacher.

Lucy Walker, painting, Lyme-Old Lyme High School, William Allick, teacher.

Morgan Wang, sculpture, Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Brad Faus, teacher.

Silver Medalists:

Michaela Anderson, Valley Regional High School, Deep River, Val Kropinicki, teacher.

Kristi Cavataro, sculpture, Greenwich High School, Delores O'Callaghan, teacher.

Julia Emiliani, painting, Wethersfield High School, Andrea Haas, teacher.

American Visions Award: Elizabeth Miserandino, painting, Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Florin Firmita, teacher.

The Connecticut Art Education Association organizes the statewide Scholastics competition, which has become the largest student visual arts event in the state. The program is part of the National Scholastic Art Awards which were created in New York in 1927 to recognize and encourage young artists. Administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, it is now the oldest student arts competition in the country.

Co-sponsor and host of the Connecticut Scholastic event, the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, this year also awarded 24 scholarships to students in 16 towns, totaling \$1,660,000. For more information on the Scholastics program, visit www.caea.net