

# OFFICIALS SHOW SUPPORT IN RALEIGH

Coordinator Annah Lee commented that Raleigh/Wake County had another wonderful turnout for their 2014 NAP exhibition. Along with the increase in overall participation from the previous year, she was especially pleased to note that the number of both youth and teen participants had increased and that one of the teen participants had even been awarded Best of Show by the judges.

In addition to the general increase in participation, Annah stated that, "we saw a more diverse representation of the departments across the city." More than twenty different departments ranging from the City Manager's Office to Solid Waste were represented in the exhibit, which was on display in the Block Gallery located in the City of Raleigh Municipal Building.



A selection of professional artwork from the NAP Exhibition on display in the Block Gallery.

This year, Annah also had the opportunity to utilize the artistic experience found within the new leadership of both the City and the County. The new City Manager, Ruffin Hall and County Manager, Jim Hartmann were asked to be two of the judges. Interestingly enough, Jim had previously been a participant of our Seminole County, FL show when he was their County Manager so he was extremely familiar with our program!

The support from City and County leadership didn't stop at judging as Jim and four other officials, including Jerry Bolas, Director of the Office of Raleigh Arts, were present at the opening reception.

## Cape May County, NJ

On November 12th, Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission along with the NAP celebrated the artistic talents of county employees and their family members at their 13th annual awards reception. The exhibition along with the reception was held at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. Coordinators Mary Stewart and Pary Tell were both on hand to greet artists and their guests prior to presenting the awards. Violin music accompanied the event and helped to set the mood as attendees browsed all the artwork on display. The reception was a huge success according to Pary who commented that, "many of the artists were present, but so were many members of the general public which provided additional exposure to the artists and the event."

The exhibit, which ran through December 6th, showcased more than 120 pieces of visual art. One piece that caught the eye of both the judges and visitors alike was Peter Bosak's large sculpture entitled "Too Close to the Sun" (pictured under Best of Show Winners on reverse side). Peter, who is an employee of the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control, was awarded Best of Show along with First Place in the Intermediate category.

## UF Health Jacksonville, FL

Artists invited to participate in the UF Health Jacksonville NAP exhibition include employees, volunteers and their immediate family members. At their Third Annual NAP reception the Wellness Medical Director and Chaplin both spoke about how research has shown that an initiative such as this, that encourages employees to express themselves in artistic ways, helps to add to an overall healing environment in a hospital.

Coordinator Tawana Brown commented that each year the organizational flow of the show gets easier and easier. This year, she chose new locations for the intake and judging which allowed for a faster transition to the actual exhibition location. Tawana is also planning possible additions to their show supplies including new easels and display boxes or enclosed cases. We applaud Tawana for planning ahead and anticipating the needs of this wonderful annual employee event.



## PHILADELPHIA RELEASES WEEKLY FEATURED ARTIST SPOTLIGHTS



Coordinator Tu Huynh accompanies Mayor Michael Nutter as he attempts to make his winning choice.

The staff of the National Arts Program® were present to help the City of Philadelphia celebrate their Fifteenth Anniversary this year. The reception took place in Conversation Hall with Mayor Nutter in attendance and included a slideshow of photos of many of the past NAP events. Mayor Michael Nutter has taken a special interest in the cities NAP show over the years and makes it a point to take in all the artwork personally, both prior to and during the show. This year, he was once again asked to choose his pick for the Best of Show Award.

A new concept was incorporated this year by dedicated coordinator Tu Huynh. After collecting the artwork for the show, they began releasing a weekly feature on individual city employee artists

on their website ([www.creativephl.org](http://www.creativephl.org)), which included questions about the program and what the opportunity means to them. The employee artists that were chosen included individuals such as Kevin Vaughan, the newly retired Deputy Health Commissioner. "As a past participant of the National Arts Program®, Kevin has exhibited his wildlife photography taken around the city. For this year's exhibition he took a photo of a unique Philadelphia resident, a peregrine falcon that calls City Hall home."

Focusing on the unique talents of these spectacular individuals is exactly what the NAP aims to do. We congratulate all the amazing artists that took part in their 2014 show!



Artist Kevin Vaughan often spent time high over Center City shooting peregrine falcons who nest in City Hall.

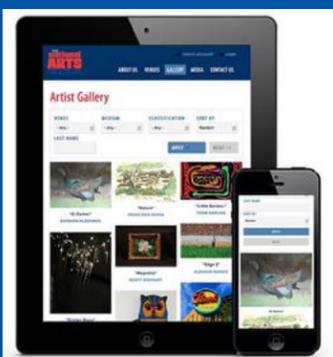


"Sophie a la Cafe"; Lynn Macrowski; Amateur, 3rd Place Painting; Employee, Therapy Services

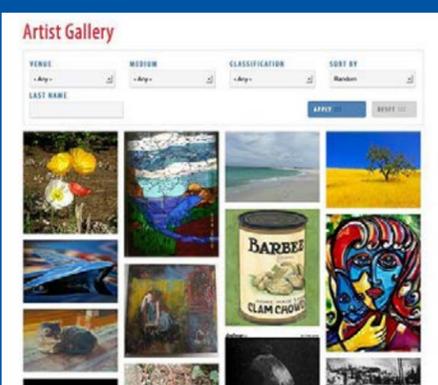
## The University of Chicago Medicine Praised by All

A wonderful NAP show was unveiled on November 3rd and featured 172 works by the talented artists from the University of Chicago Medicine family. With over forty different departments involved it is an exceptionally diverse group. The show is in its ninth year and continues to be a successful collaboration. Thanks to the promotional efforts of co-coordinators Monica Hork and Janet Seitzer this year's show included a large group of first time participants. Monica commented that their comment box was, "full of praise for the show from visitors and staff."

## A NEW LOOK FOR OUR ARTIST GALLERY



We truly believe that the National Arts Program® offers a dynamic online experience to not only artists who upload their artwork, but to those who visit our online gallery in search of unique artwork. Therefore, we are continuously striving for new ways to provide the best online experience at the same time improving the functionality. Our newly redesigned 'Artist Gallery' does just this. The new gallery not only presents a sleek new way to view the artworks, but now has additional search tools including "most recent" and "auto complete" sort options, to help you find exactly what you are looking for. We hope you will take a minute to check out the redesign and see firsthand the amazing artistic talent featured in our online gallery.



## Sky-High Participation in Seminole County, FL

Christine Patten is the coordinator for the Seminole County NAP Exhibit. The NAP show is currently the only art exhibit that the Seminole County Government presents. The exhibition is open to the employees of the Seminole County Government, Seminole County Public Schools, local municipal governments and their families.

This year, they held their 10th Anniversary show which was open from October 1st through the 31st and what a show it was! Christine and her team were able to beautifully display 242 pieces in the Seminole County Services Building from 177 artists. Her participation numbers jumped a whopping 145% from last year and we couldn't be more thrilled. Christine changed the time frame of the show this year while also pushing publicity and promotion with flyers, brochures and notices in county newsletters, in order to achieve this terrific increase in registration.

The reception took place on October 16th with an estimated 120 guests. Several officials attended the reception to help honor the artists including Commissioner Robert Dallari, Chairman & Commissioner Lee Constantine

and County Manager Nicole Guillet. Christine noted that the NAP Non-Matching Scholarship Funds made the reception possible, thereby allowing participants an opportunity to both view and discuss artworks. This social aspect helped in making the show a more personal experience for all.

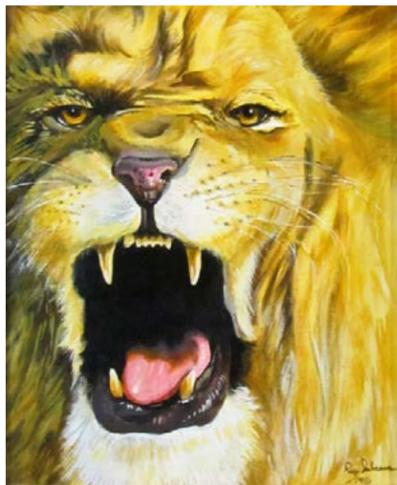


"The Band"; Blaze Johnson; Teen, 1st Place Painting; Relative, Seminole County Public Schools

# AND THE BEST OF SHOW WINNERS ARE...

## Youth 12 & Under

University of Maryland Medical Center, MD - Isabel Mena



"Roar" by Raymond Johnson

## Teen 13-18

Osceola County, FL - Raymond Johnson  
Raleigh / Wake County, NC - Aryanna Paine

UF Health Jacksonville, FL - Ana McIntosh

## Adult Amateur

Fulton County, GA - Gerald Burch  
Lubbock, TX - Mike Oglesby  
Seminole County, FL - Caryl Stevens  
The University of Chicago Medicine, IL - Nicole Massad

## Adult Intermediate

Cape May County, NJ - Peter Bosak  
Philadelphia, PA - Greg Wilusz  
VIA Metropolitan Transit, TX - Denis Tumanjong

## Adult Professional

Front Range, CO - Tadashi Hayakawa  
Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, MN - Isaac Peloquin



"Too Close to the Sun" by Peter Bosak



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# IN THE NEWS THIS QUARTER

## What You Need to Know Before Donating Art

For investors thinking about donating art, the most important thing to know is this: It isn't as simple as ... donating art. The benefits of a donation are clear. The owners may have a fondness for a particular museum or university they have in mind as a recipient, for instance. And the ego gratification is powerful.

## Science Shows Art Is Doing Something Amazing to Our Health

Art's sweet relationship with the brain and body makes a trip to the museum worth it. There's no doubt that art has helped shape society. We build galleries that host priceless creations from the world's best talent.

## You Can Boost Your Creativity By Looking At Art

Something in our brain responds when we look at a painting. That experience refreshes and changes us. Afterwards we are more creative and open to learning. We are less mentally fatigued. Our brains are primed for enjoying art.

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## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

(From left to right clockwise)

Andy Wang, "Mouse", Youth 12 & Under, Painting

Paul Stafford\*, "Oliver Twist Can't Do This", Professional, Sculpture

Carrie Cook, "Just Keep Moving", Professional, Painting

David Howdeshell\*, "Pinecone", Amateur, Photography

Peter Appelbaum\*, "Little Glass Factory", Intermediate, Photography

Photography

\*Indicates NAP Online Artist

