

MACON-BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHINES

Donald L. Druitt, Sr. was once a participating artist in the NAP show that took place in Miami Beach, Florida. That experience stayed with him and he decided to introduce the program to Bibb County, Georgia. With buy in from the school district, the local arts alliance and the beautiful Tubman Museum, he was on his way!

Don was very calculated in his coordination of the show and gathered together representatives from each of the three organizations including Ben Bridges, Macon-Bibb County School District Art Director, Jeff Bruce, Director of Exhibitions at The Tubman Museum and Stephanie Fritz, Director of Programs for Macon Arts Alliance. Each did their part and was committed to making this a successful first year with the program.

First, Don was in constant communication with the NAP throughout his coordination of the exhibit and it was obvious that he was excited about the opportunities the program could provide for the greater Macon-Bibb community. Second, being an artist himself, he knew the joy that comes from sharing your artistic talents with others and coming together to celebrate one another. Finally he was generous with his time and dedicated himself to helping with every last detail of the exhibition.



Jeff Bruce pictured here making sure every last detail was perfect for their first NAP exhibit.

His efforts paid off and in total the final show included 205 pieces entered by 125 individual artists, all either County School District employees or their family members, an exceptional showing for their first year. It was professionally displayed in The Tubman Museum and both the Schools Superintendent, Dr. Curtis L. Jones and the Director of The Tubman Museum, Dr. Andy Ambrose were in attendance at the November awards reception which honored all of the participating artists.

The support of the School District, The Tubman Museum and the Macon Art Alliance were invaluable and the incredible coordination efforts of Don Druitt made for a fantastic show. We hope this is only the start of a long running successful relationship with Bibb County!



Coordinator Donald L. Druitt, Sr. and Jeff Bruce, Director of Exhibitions for The Tubman Museum, pose in the gallery during the installation of the show.

Jackie's Renderings

A message from the Executive Director

With 2016 behind us, it is time to look to the future. A new President in the White House and a new year is upon us. The NAP held our first roundtable gathering this past fall and we came away with a renewed sense of purpose. Our new Art Education Award has been well received and this year will be focused solely on youth and teen participants to offer them the opportunity to explore their artistic talents further. In addition, our Best of Show Award will now only be awarded to an artist in one of our adult categories and our award amounts have increased.



The Art Education Award winner from the NAP for the Macon-Bibb County School District.

Please look for more announcements from us as you begin to plan your 2017 shows. It's going to be a great year and we are excited to get started!!

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WIN BIG IN PHILADELPHIA

The City of Philadelphia Public Services Department made a strong showing of their creative talents at this year's NAP exhibit. Most notably, the City's police and fire departments who along with their immediate family members made up close to 10% of the 114 total participants.

This group not only provided a strong showing, but a large number of them, participating for the first time, received recognition for their artistic talents by placing in their particular category. Both the First Place Professional and Intermediate Honorable Mention went to City of Philadelphia Policemen, Jonathan Castro and Edward Fidler respectively. Officer Fidler commented that he often takes photographs while on his shift and he was inspired to enter the piece entitled "A Thinking Man's Game" into the show. Eric Stukes, a Lieutenant in the Philadelphia Fire Department, was awarded First Place in the Intermediate category for his extremely detailed and delicate sculpture of Frederick Douglass.

Along with Mayor Kenney, participants, including numerous men and women in uniform, and their families attended the awards reception held on December 14th to show support for their fellow



Lieutenant Eric Stukes proudly pointing to one of the sculptures he entered in this year's exhibit. Photo credit: Bill Foster

public servants and family members. Detective Ralph Domenic was there to cheer on his wife, Lisa as she was awarded Best of Show for her painting entitled "It Started with a Fist", which was selected by City Representative Sheila Hess.

It's clear that there is definitely hidden artistic talent within the City's Public Service Departments and the NAP is extremely pleased to be able to provide a platform for these individuals to showcase and be recognized for their creative talents!

Colorado Federal Gov. Art May Help Presidential Transition

The Bryon Rogers Federal Building was once again awash with artwork from Colorado Federal Government employees and their family members from all over the state. A large awards reception with close to 150 people in attendance added to the creative atmosphere of the building. Co-Coordinator Janet Paladino, who works on Regional Fine Arts & Urban Development Programs for U.S. General Service Administration stated, "it was our largest turnout yet!"

She further commented that a few of the winning pieces may be on display for two to three months in the temporary offices of President Obama during the Presidential transition in January. This setting would not only serve to highlight the NAP program, but to showcase the artistic talents of this group of state employees to the highest level of US government. Such a wonderful potential opportunity for winners like Jane Basile (pictured), a microbiologist for the government,



"Carry On"; Jane Basile; Intermediate, First Place; Employee; Microbiologist

who won first place in the Intermediate category and Laura Pearson, a trial attorney, who won third place in the Amateur category!

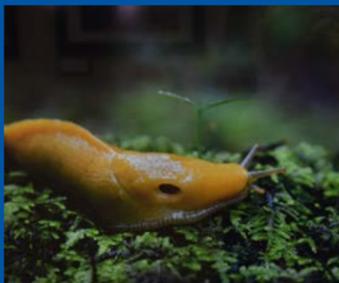
Janet was excited by the increase in participants for their second year and feels that the show is really starting to gain recognition through word of mouth. Congratulations to Janet and her team on another terrific National Arts Program® show!

Coming Soon!

2016 "Best of the Best" Contest

Our annual "Best of the Best" contest featuring the Best of Show winners from 2016 is back and you can help choose this year's winners!

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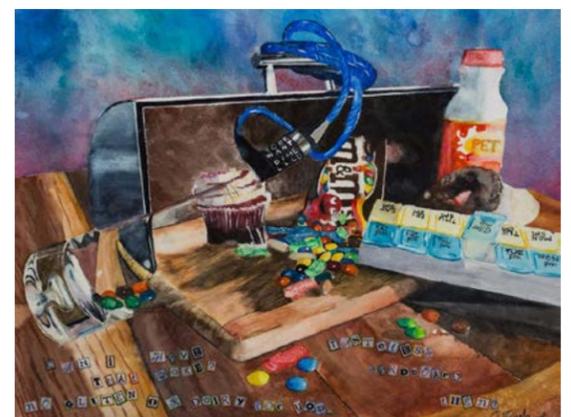


Carilion Clinic Hosts First NAP Patient Exhibition

Coordinator Marie Webb reached out to the NAP staff earlier this year for guidance with regards to an idea she had to host Carilion Clinic's first ever exhibition of patient artwork. Marie, who has successfully run the NAP program at Carilion Clinic for the last three years, wanted to showcase the other side of the healing equation by demonstrating that like employees, the patients are more than just patients, they are people too. With Marie's passion for the arts and their place in the healing environment and her success running the program, the NAP decided to provide her with the opportunity to be the pilot program for our first ever patient show.

The show, on display in-between the annual employee exhibit, featured artwork from anyone who had been a patient treated by a Carilion provider in either 2015 or 2016. Patients like Midora Firebaugh, a teen artist, who entered her piece entitled "Why Can't I Have That?" in the show. When asked to describe her work, she said, "I was diagnosed with thyroid issues along with several food sensitivities in 2014. In addition to medication, I was prescribed a very strict diet excluding gluten and dairy. This watercolor represents how I felt about my new diet." Midora's piece was awarded First Place in the teen category by the judges and received the "People's Choice" Award based on the votes of those viewing the exhibit. Along with these accolades, her work was purchased by the physician who treats her as he plans to hang it in his office as an example for patients facing similar struggles with necessary dietary changes.

Being able to display these pieces in the hospital setting for all to see, provided a glimpse into the personal lives of the patients at Carilion, allowing those treating them as well as visitors to see them as more than just patients. Marie stated, "I can't express in words how much this art exhibit meant to our patients, providers, and many from the community who visited the hospital to see it." The NAP was pleased to provide support / funding for this trial program and would like to thank Marie for her vision and hard work making it a reality!



"Why Can't I Have That?"; Midora Firebaugh; Teen 13-18, First Place & People's Choice; Carilion Patient

OUR 2016 ART EDUCATION WINNERS ARE ...

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital - Alex King *(pictured)*
 Atlanta - Tiffany Boswell
 Atlantic Health System - Samantha Tkach
 Austin - Jon Nelson
 Bibb County - Darian Jordan
 Carilion Clinic - Darrien Leffel
 Carilion Clinic Patient - Alexis Akers
 Cleveland - Kieran Delaney
 DFW International Airport - Gordon Shum
 Front Range - Terrah Welch
 Fulton County - David Roby
 Lexington - Fayette County - Abram David
 Manchester - Morgan Chase
 Orlando - Mackenzie Butler

Orlando International Airport - Nicholas Gauthier
 Pinellas County - Greta Finney

- Hunter Matthews
 Seminole County - Charlotte Livingston



State of Colorado Federal Government - Jennifer Ktz
 State of Delaware - Christopher Volkomer
 Tacoma - Ella Robinson
 The University of Chicago Medicine - Lily Frantzis
 UF Health - Miles Vasquez
 Union County - Richa Wadhawan
 University of Arizona - Thomas Lindell
 University of Maryland Medical Center - David Stickles
 VCU Health - Zaccheaus Katta
 VIA Metropolitan Transit - Stephanie Padalecki

Pittsburgh - Darryl Brown
 Portland - Miranda Young
 Raleigh / Wake County - Amanda Phyfer
 Reno-Tahoe International Airport

IN THE NEWS THIS QUARTER

Art may reveal early signs of dementia

At her art therapy class in Leeds, Joyce Cope is carefully painting a tree. Despite living with dementia, her brushstrokes are measured and steady, the legacy of her years of painting as a talented amateur.

Houston reservoir reborn as public space, canvas for art

Houston's first underground drinking water reservoir — a decades-old collection of more than 200 concrete columns inside a cavernous space near downtown — had been unused for years and was set for demolition when a nonprofit group reimagined it as something new: a public space.

Amateur artists get their day in the sun

Rachel Jackson, from Mayfair, admitted she was shaking and nervous at the 17th annual National Arts Program art exhibition Wednesday night at City Hall. It was the first time she had shown any of her artwork outside of school — even though she was halfway to 30.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

(Clockwise from bottom left)

Laura Fox-Wallis, "Interrupted Light", Professional, Mixed Media
 Eb Saleh, "The Hollow Scream", Teen, Works on Paper
 Yaling Tan, "Le Balloon Rouge", Amateur, Painting
 Courtney Argo, "Blondie", Amateur, Painting
 Helene Hughes, "Etch Study", Professional, Sculpture
 Anders Smith, "The Sharp Leaf", Youth 12 & Under, Works on Paper
 Debra Fertic, "Foxy", Intermediate, Works on Paper

