

GUESTS GET A CLOSER LOOK AT ART IN TACOMA

The 11th Annual City of Tacoma National Arts Program® Exhibit opened on May 1st and included a stunning collection of 110 artworks. The artwork in the show represented over thirty different city departments and included work from not only employees but also retirees, volunteers and their immediate family members. Each year Coordinator Naomi Strom-Avila commits to making the experience a memorable one for each and every artist. During the May 22nd reception Naomi displayed all of the winning works at the front of the room so that guests could get a closer look at the pieces, have a dialogue with the artists and congratulate each other. Each award winner then had their picture taken with both the Assistant City Manager Mark Lauzier and Councilmember Marty Campbell while receiving their ribbon and certificate. Naomi made sure to send every artist a copy of their picture after the event as a remembrance. Surely the artists appreciate the extra efforts made to recognize their talents and to celebrate them during this wonderful event.

One artist from the show summarized their thoughts regarding the show saying, "I continue to tell people about this art show that you organize and direct each year. I think it is one of the best programs I've ever heard



of to encourage creative involvement of your employees and families in their workplace and their community. It is truly a moral and pride building program that benefits your company, the employee, and the community. It tells me you are proud of your employees. Thank you!"

Naomi does everything in her power to make the show a success including taking full advantage of the NAP non-matching scholarship money. This year the fund were used to help with the reception expenses as well as for a wide variety of items from facility rental to a professional art handler to help install the show. Naomi said she is sincerely thankful for the funds that continue to make their participation in the show feasible during this busy time of year.



"Margaret"; Jodi Davila; Intermediate, Honorable Mention; Craft; Employee; Public Works Department

Jackie's Renderings

A message from the Executive Director

A friend recently sent me a post of the National Arts Program® show in the Reno-Tahoe Airport as they walked to their terminal. They were taken aback at the level of artwork and the amount of people who participated, all employees of the airport or family members. Summer is a time to generally look up and not down, to travel, and get outside. It's the time of the year to go the beach and put your toes in the sand. Many museums offer free admission in the summer months. Large outdoor venues offer opportunities to engage in the performing arts. Some museums, like the Philadelphia Museum of Art, are even putting their artwork on display outside (Literally!); duplicating famous artworks and putting them on street corners, sides of buildings, and subway stations for everyone to appreciate.

Artistic expression takes on many forms and the summer is one of the most exciting times to be creative. All in all, it's a great time of year to enjoy the arts. Join us and share your summer photo "snaps" on Instagram and tag us at #NAPsummersnaps. You may win one of several fun summer themed prize packages just for sharing. Visit our Instagram and follow along. Hiking? Traveling? Bike riding? Baking? Foodie shots? Plein Air? Share what you love about summer with us and take time to enjoy the generally slower pace of life.

MAYOR CELEBRATES ARTISTIC TALENT IN PITTSBURGH

Leona Frankowski, who is the Art Education Coordinator for the City of Pittsburgh's Parks and Recreation Department, has been coordinating their Annual National Arts Program® Exhibit entitled ARTWorks since it began eighteen years ago. Le commented that, "the program continues to be highly valued by the Mayor's Administration and by city employees. It is a rare opportunity to celebrate the creativity within our workforce." As

is tradition in Pittsburgh the Mayor, William Peduto, and the Director of Parks and Recreation, Jim Griffin, were both in attendance at the awards reception along with many other representatives including; Guy Costa, Chief of Operations, James Hill, Special Assistant to the Mayor, and Jamie Beechey, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. They gathered at the April 4th event to honor all of the participating artists. It makes such an impact on the employees to know that their Mayor supports them not only at work, but honors their talents and interests outside of the workplace as well. The exhibit is also an opportunity to include family members in something really special each and every year.

As usual Le and the Parks and Recreation Department made sure the reception was an exceptional event. Not only were so many officials present but the ceremony had a Parisian theme highlighted by a twelve foot Eiffel Tower that was the backdrop for the presentation of awards. During the celebration guests were also invited to participate in an interactive large scale canvas project setup by Paint Monkey. Over 250 guests



Youth Artist Ed Hurley Jr. accepts his Certificate of Participation from Mayor William Peduto during the awards reception. This little artist also took home a Second Place Award for his artwork!

joined Mayor Peduto and came to enjoy the activities and to take in 147 amazing pieces of art that were on display!

DFW Encourages Employees to See Themselves as Artist

One of DFW Airport's Art Program goals is to keep travelers passing through inspired by their surroundings. They manage to do this successfully by featuring more than thirty pieces of art by local, national and international artists in and around the airport grounds. These installations not only provide an artistic environment to those just moving through the busy airport, but to the hard working employees who often spend more hours at the airport than they do at home.

Eleven years ago, DFW went one step further in their efforts to motivate their employees by asking them to take part in their very first NAP exhibition. This opportunity bridged the gap between employees and the professional artists they see daily by allowing them to view themselves as artists

who are worthy of having their artwork on display in the airport setting.

Since that very first show, hundreds of employees like Kim Zarko, who's work is pictured, and their family members have had the opportunity to annually display their artwork at DFW. This year's exhibition is the largest one since 2010, featuring 173 pieces of artwork by more than 100 artists! A large part of this can be attributed to venue coordinator Kori Stolar and her hard working team from the Marketing Department including co-coordinator Jordan Stinnett. In light of this year's success, the team has already set a goal to beat these numbers next year and plans to start promoting even earlier.

It's clear that DFW truly values the effect that art has on the airport environment and the benefit inspiring their employees in their artistic endeavors.



summer SNAPS instagram contest

HELLO SUMMER! It officially feels like summer here in Philly and what better way to celebrate than by hosting our next Instagram contest "SUMMER SNAPS"?! So get creative, snap some pics and show us what summer means to you.

Just follow these three simple RULES:

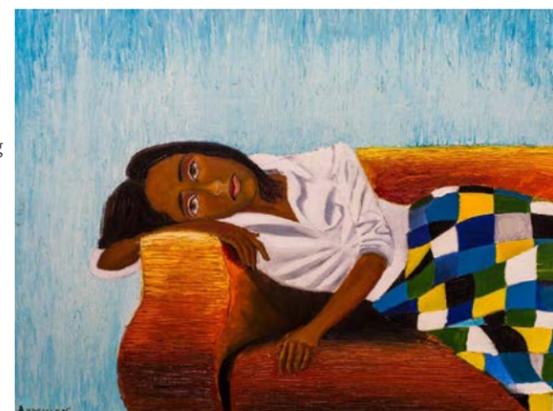
- Follow @nationalarts
- Put it on Instagram with your profile set to public
- Tag it #napsummersnaps

Contest runs through the 31st. Three randomly selected winners will receive awesome prizes to help you make the most out of your summertime!

Employee Artists Shine at Carilion Clinic Exhibit

In partnership with The National Arts Program® the Carilion Clinic in Virginia offers both an annual Employee Art Show and a Patient Art Show. Each year, Coordinator Marie Webb dedicates herself not once but twice to organizing a successful NAP Exhibition. Currently their Employee Art Show, which is an initiative of the Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Healing Arts Program, is on display at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Art is submitted by Carilion employees, volunteers and immediate family members. The works of art, 124 in total, are displayed for several weeks in the lobby. If you were unable to attend the amazing show in person, Marie made sure you could still admire the art by viewing their online gallery which includes images of each and every piece. Through the online gallery she also runs a contest which allows visitors to vote for their favorite piece to be awarded the LinDor Arts People's Choice Award.

One look at this astonishing collection and it is clear that the employee base in Carilion is brimming with visual art talent. A wonderful painting entitled 'Contemplation' by Ayotunde Ayobello took home the Best of Show, making it the second year in a row that an Amateur artist received the Best of Show Award. Ayotunde isn't the only employee to win a prize, in fact over 70% of the adult awards were won by employee artists. The show may end on July 13th, but the end of one NAP show means the start of the next for Marie. The National Arts Program® is happy to know that both shows are in such good hands and would like to thank Marie once again her for her dedication to the arts and to her community.



"Contemplation"; Ayotunde Ayobello; Amateur, Best of Show; Employee, Resource Pool Nursing

OUR BEST OF SHOW WINNERS ARE ...

Teen 13-18

Carilion Clinic (Youth/Teen) - Delanie Mckeel

DFW Airport (Youth/Teen) - Darius Mason

Adult Amateur

Carilion Clinic (Adult) - Ayotunde Ayobello

Cleveland - Jennifer Whitten

Lurie Children's - Erinn Wehrman

Tacoma - Jerome Watson

Adult Intermediate

Charlotte-Mecklenburg County - Pamela Emanuel

DFW Airport (Adult) - Eliar Rodriguez

Pittsburgh - Linda King
Union County - Charles Rubin

Adult Professional

University of Arizona - Skep Kriegel



"I Find Your Lack of Smiling Disturbing"
by Erinn Wehrman

OUR ART EDUCATION WINNERS ARE ...

Youth 12 & Under

Carilion Clinic - Ashley West

University of Arizona - Declan Loomis

Teen 13-18

Charlotte-Mecklenburg - Maggie Kroening

Cleveland - Kallie Schanz

Lurie Children's - Sophia Severance

Union County - Tatiana Gault

Tacoma - Hayden Puczyk



"George Washington as George Washington"
by Hayden Puczyk

IN THE NEWS THIS QUARTER

How Do You Conserve Art Made of Bologna, or Bubble Gum, or Soap?

Art critics noted the stink as soon as the elevator opened. Indeed, the morning of the Whitney Museum of American Art's Biennial preview, Pope L's contribution smelled like rotten lunch.

Art Collector Sells A Lichtenstein For \$165 Million To Fund Criminal Justice Reform

New York City se A noted art collector and philanthropist has sold a major painting for an eye-popping \$165 million to raise money for criminal justice reform. Agnes Gund sold Roy Lichtenstein's 1962 work Masterpiece, reportedly to billionaire hedge fund manager and art collector Steve Cohen.

This art exhibit uses Trump's tweets to nurture a lavender field

Imagine if President Trump's tweets provoked calm and beauty rather than rage and fury. Such a realm really exists, though you'll have to slink beneath New York City to find it.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

(Clockwise from top left)

Carol Peckham Taylor, "Umbrellas at the Beach", Professional, Painting

Timothy Woodcock, "Cayman Beach", Amateur, Photography

Deonda Scott, "Pie in the Sky Dreams", Intermediate, Mixed Media

Beckie Vincent, "Fun in the Sun", Amateur, Photography

Anna Turner, "Heading for the New World", Youth 12 & Under, Painting

