

2012 Art Tales Winners

Mayor honors winners on June 6 at EP Foster Library reading

The City of Ventura is pleased to announce the winners of the fourth annual Art Tales creative writing contest. Area youth, high school and adult writers submitted 72 short stories and poems inspired by Municipal Art Collection works of art currently on loan at the E.P. Foster Library created by Joseph Piasentin, Cassandra Jones, Bruce Freeman, Lee Hodges and Carol Rosenak.

The public, family and friends are invited to hear the winners read from their entries at the library located at 651 East Main Street in Ventura on Wednesday, June 6, 5:30-6:30 pm. The living visual artists have also been invited to attend to meet the writers; the event will also celebrate the installation of the large new "Tropical Frieze" mural by artist Jack Halbert. Refreshments will be served. Mayor Mike Tracy will present the cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place, certificates to 3rd place, bound editions of the winning entries to all winners and journals to youth winners.

The four contest judges were poet/literary journal Askew co-editor Friday Lubina, Head Librarian for E.P. Foster Library Mary Stewart, visual artist/Oxnard College Fine Art professor/City of Ventura Public Art Commissioner Claudia Pardo and Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar, who said, "We thank the judges who evaluated all these works on their creativity and who reported to me they were very impressed with the number of high quality submissions."

Youth Fiction Prizes

1st Sarah Yenney: Creating This
2nd Alexandra Avila: The Flamingo Mystery
3rd Kaden Pryor: The Coming

Youth Poetry Prizes

1st Connor Ames: Deception Flower
2nd Makayla Ann Pratt: As Their Red Tails Collide
3rd Courtney Caldwell: I Swim

High School Fiction Prizes

1st Annabelle Warren: I Love You, I'm Sorry
2nd Kienna Kulzer: Colors

High School Poetry Prizes

1st Garrett Pupa: Flowers of Life
2nd Cece Castañeda: What the Chairs Saw
3rd Marco Cuevas: A Typical Day by the Pool

Adult Poetry Prizes

[there were no Adult Fiction entries]

1st Maggie Westland: Expectations
2nd F. Albert Salinas: Blind Faith
3rd Tim Pompey: Raramor