

High School Art Show winners are named

Works are now on display at the Marion Library

The Art League of Marion has announced the winners of its 29th annual Smyth County High School Art Show. The winners were selected from more than 100 entries submitted from Chilhowie, Marion, and Northwood high schools.

The award-winning projects are currently on display through April 11 at the Smyth County Public Library in Marion.

The Best in Show award went to Bethany Crigger, who received a \$75 art supply award.

Proceeds from the Hungry Mother Festival, sponsored by the Art League of Marion, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, are used to purchase art-supply awards for the students to continue their creative endeavors.

Students winning first-place awards and \$50 in art supplies are: Claire Sexton, Chilhowie; pencil and colored pencil; Anna Winebarger, charcoal,

Marion; Laken Hanshaw, pastels, Chilhowie; Lace Crusenberry, craft design and sculpture, Northwood; Landon Melton, mixed media, Marion; Rachel Barnes, acrylic, Chilhowie; Raven Clark, watercolor, Marion; Emily Gilley, pen and ink, Marion; Emily Neal, digital art and photography, Northwood; and Ava Graham, scratch board, Marion.

Students winning second-place awards and a \$35 art supply award were: Jadon Dishmore, Northwood; Halee Reeves, Marion; Natalie Higgins, Marion; Helen Smith, Marion; Madison Moran, Chilhowie; Hayley Powers, Marion; Nevaeh Stovall, Marion; Brennan Orr, Marion; Zoe Carter, Northwood; and Amelia Lunford, Marion.

Students earning third-place awards and a \$25 art supply award were: Carson Lincoln, Marion; Kylie Hall, Marion; Dawson Guthrie, Chilhowie; Rachel Clark, Northwood; Sonni Jupino, Chilhowie; Abby Frye, Northwood;

Skye Widener, Marion; Erin Meadows, Marion; Breonna Kestner, Northwood; and Amber Kimberlin, Marion.

Students earning honorable mention were: Chloe Mason, Chilhowie; Kailey Terry, Marion; Lacie Testerman, Chilhowie; Sydney Carter, Northwood; Em Blankenbeckler, Marion; Brendan Donnelly, Chilhowie; Siena Zilles, Marion; Camilla Fireston, Marion; Rebekah Blevins, Northwood; and Eli Carr, Northwood.

Plans are currently being made for the 49th annual Hungry Mother Festival, which will be held July 15-17 at Hungry Mother State Park. The three-day event includes original hand crafted arts and crafts, music and food. The area high school artists have been invited to participate in the festival. There will be booth space available for the student artists to sell their artwork and interact with the community.

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Proceeds from the annual Hungry Mother Festival make the annual countywide art show and its awards possible. Bethany Crigger won the title of Best in Show.

