

NEWS:

Medina County Schools' Visual Art Festival and the Medina County Art League Announce Awards

MEDINA: The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and the Medina County Art League have announced the award winners of this year's Medina County Art League Continuing Art Education Scholarships. The Medina County Art League presented the 2008 Scholarship Awards at the **Awards Reception** on **May 19, 2008**, at 7:30 p.m. The following high school seniors who are continuing their art education at college received awards:

First Place:	Bryn Courey Highland High School (Patricia Zarych, teacher)	\$1,500
Second Place:	Molly Livengood Cloverleaf High School (Mark Wurstle, teacher)	\$1,000
Third Place:	Judy Borrer Medina High School (Elaine Taylor, teacher)	\$700
Honorable Mention:	Lindsey Holmes Medina High School (Elaine Taylor, teacher)	\$300

This year the format of the show was similar to a graduating art major in college who is required to hold a senior show. Only portfolios by graduating high school seniors were accepted for this final show. The seniors were judged from their portfolios containing at least five pieces of art showing a diversity of their talent.

Barbara Johns, past president of Medina County Art League (MCAL) and Scholarship Committee co-chair, said, "This year it was particularly difficult to choose the award winners. I think all of the students show talent and creativity. However, the winning students displayed a broader understanding of different mediums. . . . Once again, we applaud the teachers for their ability to help the students live up to their potential."

Art in the Park is MCAL's largest event of the year enjoyed by thousands of visitors. There are 130 or so artists that participate, and several donate original pieces of art for the Scholarship Raffle. Since 2002 the Art League has added from its general fund to the monies received from the raffle so the Scholarship Awards would be larger and more helpful to the students receiving them. The total amount in this year's Scholarship Fund is \$3,500. Barbara declares, "I am so proud to be a part of the visual arts community and thrilled by the students' artwork I get to see. These young people have so much talent, it is unbelievable."

An outgrowth of the Visual Art Festival is a year-long rotating student artwork display on several floors of the Medina General Hospital Medical Center, South Building.

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