Arts Council Announces Petite Gallerie Winners

The Arts Council of Pointe Coupee recently held its **7**th **Treasures of Pointe Coupee Exhibit** at the Poydras Center. One of the most popular components of **Treasures** is the Petite Gallerie, post card size submissions entered around a specific theme. The 2016 theme for the Petite Gallerie was "Reflections".

Sarah Fabre serves as chairperson for the Petite Gallerie, and Sarah is excited to report the results of the popular vote conducted throughout the six day event. Guests who come to the Poydras Center for *Treasures* are provided an opportunity to cast a vote in each of the three categories: Youth, Adult and Photography. Entries were submitted from West Feliciana, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parish.

Youth winners included: Anna Teer 1st place, Ryan Morel 2nd place and Jaisha Victorian 3d place. Honorable mention awards are given in the youth category and included Nicholas Vosburg, Cade Grider, Elyzabeth Ardoin, Mariellla Vidrine and Bailey Landry. Participation awards were also distributed to McKaenzie Cline, Matthew Johnson, Landin Zimmerle, Carter Devillier, Amari Moore, Destinee Breaux, Carsyn Jordan, John M. Miller, Manayah Robinson and James Duncan.

In the adult and photography division first, second and third place awards are distributed to selected winners. Adult winners included Madeline Breidenbach 1st place, Steve Martin 2nd place, and Marcia Kistner Roberg 3rd place. Photography awards were given to David Breidenbach, 1st and 2nd place and Cecile Fabre, 3rd place.

When *Treasures of Pointe Coupee* started seven years ago, there were approximately sixty Petite Gallerie entries. This year's exhibit included 243 entries. In addition to the People's Choice Awards, a special guest judge is invited to make selections in each of the three categories. Information about those awards will be released soon.

Blanche Jewell, *Treasures* co-chair, congratulates all the artists who entered Petite Gallerie submissions. "*Treasures* and the Petite Gallerie are opportunities for local and regional artists to showcase their artwork as amateur or professional artists. We welcome all levels of expertise and celebrate the creative spirit each of you shares with us. Consider entering a piece in next year's exhibit!"

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