

Fine Art Scholarship and Outreach Activities

Art Supplies Offered to Area High Schools by Local Art Organization

In 2018 The Waterway Art Association reinstated its high school Fine Art Scholarship program. The group of more than 100 painters from the southern Brunswick County area has been meeting, painting and exhibiting for more than 27 years. Last year they were pleased to be able to present two \$1000 scholarships to Brunswick County high school graduates who planned to pursue art in their college curriculum.

This year the Waterway Art Association will continue its scholarship program and has added the donation of art materials to the five county high schools as part of their outreach to promote the fine arts in Brunswick County. Over \$500 in art supplies were delivered to the schools by members of the scholarship committee.

In return, the schools were asked to donate small original artworks by students that can be displayed at the annual Waterway Art Exhibit. These works will be part of the raffle which raises funds for the scholarships and will be on display along with paintings by the members during the week-long show in May. All raffle donations make up part of the scholarship award. This gives art students an opportunity to have their work on display, and gives them a way to participate in the scholarships directly. The size of the works to be raffled is 5 by 7 inches and can be produced in any two dimensional medium.

Connie Enis, Director of Fine Arts for Brunswick County Schools has been extremely helpful and supportive of the collaboration between the Waterway Art Association and the county high schools. Each of the five schools has been contacted with the distribution of art materials to the perspective art teachers. Artwork by the students will be collected on April 1st by the Scholarship committee. April 1st is also the deadline for student scholarship applications. This information has been distributed to the art teachers with complete instructions for the requirements and means of participating. Interested students wishing to compete for the WAA Visual Art Scholarship award may find information on the WAA web site-www.waterwayart.org.

Schools and art teachers who have been included are: Early College High School, Katherine Weeks, Art Club Sponsor; North Brunswick High School, Shane Miller and Stoifan Luitar, art instructors; South Brunswick, Stacey Belter and Ian Sands; West Brunswick, Sheila Vaught and Kenya Hewett; and Brunswick County Academy, Lorenzo Jennings, art instructor.

2018 was the first time in several years that the Art Scholarship was awarded by Waterway Art Association. The two awards were received by South Brunswick students Jelonnie Smith and James Bond.

In 2019 the display of student artwork as part of the Spring Art Exhibit will give students a chance to publicly exhibit their work as well as actively participating in the scholarship program itself. Waterway looks forward to an exciting show this year as a result of the student participation.

The Spring Show and Sale will be held at the new Southwest Brunswick Branch Library, 9400 Ocean Highway west, Carolina Shores, NC 28467. The show takes place April 29 through May 3rd, 2019 from 9:30 to 5:30 daily. The show is free and open to the public. Further information about the scholarship application and requirements, as well as Spring Exhibit information for artists wishing to participate can be found on the website-www.waterwayart.org.