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All participants of the 8th annual Art Tales "writing contest inspired by art" are invited to a special reception and reading with refreshments at E.P. Foster Library, 2nd floor, 651 E Main St in downtown Ventura on Wednesday, May 25 at 5:30 pm. The public, family and friends were invited to hear the winners (announced below) read their entries and receive cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, journals for 3rd place plus certificates and bound editions for all top entries.

For the contest "open to writers everywhere," youth, high school and adult writers submitted a record 123 works of short fiction and poems inspired by City of Ventura Municipal Art Collection works of art on loan at the library and created by artists Marguerite Hardeman, Paula Odor, Meredith Brooks Abbott and Katherine McGuire. The artworks selected celebrated "our local story" to mark the city's sesquicentennial. Contestants ranged in age from kindergarten to over 80. Most entries came from Ventura County: 33 adults (18 & up); 30 teens (13-17); and 60 youths (12 & under).

Many teachers from the Ventura Unified School District encouraged their students to enter. The five contest judges were Ventura County Poet Laureate Phil Taggart, Ventura County Librarian Deya Terrafranca, Ventura Public Art Chair Claudia Pardo, Ventura Library Advisory Commissioner Dolly Moehrle and Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar. The judges received all entries "blind" – identified only by (1) a number, (2) the artwork that inspired it, (3) prose or poetry category and (4) age group of the writer.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of Art Tales are as follows:

Youth Poetry: 1st Giabella Thompson, 2nd Rachel Patrykus, 3rd Jack Gordon

Youth Fiction: 1st Kaley Pera, 2nd Nadia Connelly, 3rd Emily Replogle

Teen Poetry: 1st Katelynn McDonald, 2nd Elizabeth Salinas, 3rd Cianna Calia

Teen Fiction: 1st Olivia Loorz, 2nd Rachel Chang, 3rd Kailey Garcia

Adult Poetry: 1st Tim Tipton, 2nd Carmen Mogg, 3rd Tara Kay Acosta

Adult Fiction: 1st Carole Avila, 2nd Toni Guy, 3rd Mona Alvarado Frazier

"We thank all participants for sending in such beautiful poems or stories," said Art Tales Curator Tobie Roach. "It is amazing to read the many ways the artworks in our Municipal Art Collection inspire more creativity than anyone could imagine."

For more information please contact 805/658-4706 or visit Art Tales online at www.cityofventura.net/arttales.

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