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Art Tales Winners to be Honored at Public Reception May 17

The public is invited to attend a special reception to honor the winners of the 10th Annual Art Tales Writing Contest on May 17, at 5:30pm in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 501 Poli Street. Attendees will hear the inspirational pieces read by the winners. This year's Art Tales writing contest received more than 125 works of short fiction and poems from youth, teen and adult writers, hailing from Ventura to Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Youth Poetry: 1 st Macy Li	2 nd Larsen Meckstroth	3 rd E.K. Baer
Youth Fiction: 1 st Shawn Coyner	2 nd Isabel Connell	3 rd Devin Varela
Teen Poetry: 1 st Penelope Duran	2 nd Sophie Stimer	3 rd Ethan Adler
Teen Fiction: 1 st Cole Dodos	2 nd Genevieve Werner	3 rd Aaron Meraz
Adult Poetry: 1 st Mary Adler	2 nd Gabrielle Oracio	3 rd Sheri Ward
Adult Fiction: 1 st Gerald Zwiers	2 nd Carolyn J. Foegen	3 rd Caitlin Trude

Four contest judges read "blind" entries to determine this year's winners.

The art work used to inspire this year's contestants were *Tambor* by William Hendricks, *Clouds that Free the Spirit* by Frances Johnson, and *Freedom Wing* by Teal Rowe.

The Ventura City Council established the Municipal Art Collection in 1999 to document the history of visual art in Ventura through the acquisition of artwork created by local artists. For more information regarding the Art Tales Writing Contest or the Municipal Art Collection, visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/arttales.

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