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