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**OVIEDO STUDENTS TAKE TOP PRIZES AT**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GREAT DAY IN THE COUNTRY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

*-- Festival celebrates 22 years of recognizing student artists. --*

[Oviedo, Florida] (November 12, 2016) Students from schools in Oviedo, Florida, were awarded today with prizes for their artistic talents. The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Great Day in the Country Arts & Crafts Festival has announced the winners of its annual Student Art Fest. Great Day in the Country is produced by the GFWC Oviedo Woman's Club in partnership with the City of Oviedo.

Great Day in the Country 2016 marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Student Art Fest with work from art students in our local schools. The art was on display at the festival and awards were presented during Opening Ceremonies. All four art scholarship award winners are from High Schools in Oviedo, Florida.

Lindsey Mattinson, of Hagerty High School, received the \$1000 Commissioner Bob Dallari Art Scholarship Award.

Charlotte Skipper, of Oviedo High School, received the \$500 Commissioner Bob Dallari Art Scholarship Award.

McKenzie C Fitzgerald, of Hagerty High School received the \$500 Seminole Cultural Arts Council Art Scholarship Award.

Taylor Kuperberg, of Oviedo High School, received the \$500 Sun Terra Communities Art Scholarship Award.

These students submitted three photos of their art work, along with essays, transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

Honorable Mayor Dominic Persampiere sponsors a \$50.00 donation to each participating elementary, middle and high school.

The participating schools who submitted student artwork are Carillon, Evans, Geneva, Lawton, Partin, Stenstrom and Walker Elementary Schools; Jackson Heights and Lawton Chiles Middle Schools; and Hagerty and Oviedo High Schools.

First, second and third place High School Artwork cash awards, ribbons, and seven honorable mention ribbons are given to students from Hagerty and Oviedo High School and sponsored by Oviedo Mower & Garden Center.

1st Place was awarded to Sarah Griffith of Oviedo High School for *Brandon Saller*.

2nd Place was awarded to Erika Grasso of Hagerty High School for *Pencil Twix*.

3rd Place was awarded to Janina Bagherzadeh of Oviedo High School for her painting.

Honorable mention awards were awarded to

Lexi Dombvoski of Hagerty High School for *Lamb ceramic*;

Katelyn Jones of Oviedo High School for *Reach*;

Kaitlyn Maldonado of Oviedo High School for *Clay Dragon/fish*;

Kalie Marek of Hagerty High School for *A Slice of Me ceramic*;

Erin Mikalsen of Oviedo High School for *clay/acrylic wave*;

Sidoni Pfaeffle of Oviedo High School for *Highway Lights + Falling Stars*; and

Charlotte Skipper of Oviedo High School for *Dig. Photography*.

Middle School Winners were

Jackson Kaplan from Lawton Childs Middle School for *Self Portrait-acrylic*, and

Kim Nguyen from Jackson Heights Middle School for *Spaghetti-Day*.

All the student artists receive participation ribbons which, along with the Student Art Fest programs, are sponsored by Paramount Urgent Care.

Great Day in the Country is the GFWC Oviedo Woman's Club's major fundraiser. Over the past eight years, the club has awarded over \$600,000 for scholarships, school grants, and charitable organizations. Last year, over 40,000 people attended the event.

For more information visit our website at [www.GreatDayOviedo.org](http://www.GreatDayOviedo.org) or contact [GreatDayInformation@gmail.com](mailto:GreatDayInformation@gmail.com).

GFWC Oviedo Woman's Club, founded in 1906, is a philanthropic organization with a mission to support our community, citizens and members. They joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1923. For more information visit our website at [www.oviedowomansclub.org](http://www.oviedowomansclub.org).

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