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OVIEDO STUDENTS TAKE TOP PRIZES AT
44th ANNUAL GREAT DAY IN THE COUNTRY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

-- Festival celebrates 23 years of recognizing student artists. --

[Oviedo, Florida] (November 11, 2017) Students from schools in Oviedo, Florida, were awarded today with prizes for their artistic talents. The 44th 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 2017 marks the 23rd 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 three art scholarship award winners are from High Schools in Oviedo, Florida.

Vivian Yeung, of Hagerty High School, received the \$1100 Commissioner Bob Dallari Art Scholarship Award.

Justin Pham-Trinh, of Oviedo High School, received the \$750 Sun Terra Communities Art Scholarship Award.

Mekenzie Pettitt, of Oviedo High School, received the \$500 Commissioner Bob Dallari 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 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 and Seminole Cultural Arts Council.

Best of Show was awarded to Jonathan Salinas of Oviedo High School for *Doodle Art*.

1st Place was awarded to Nicole Portanova of Hagerty High School for *Chips Ahoy*.

2nd Place was awarded to Nathan Wenrich of Hagerty High School for *Bordge*.

3rd Place was awarded to Kate Schuck of Hagerty High School for *Dead Pegasus*.

Honorable mention awards were awarded to

Melanie Pettitt of Oviedo High School for *Flourish*;

Sara Rios of Hagerty High School for *Collage*;

Whitney Parrish of Hagerty High School for *Skittles*;

Michelle Vemiros of Oviedo High School for *Green Landing*;

Mia Dahm of Oviedo High School for *Toxic*;

Claudio Prado of Hagerty High School for *Portrait*; and

Peggy Amir of Hagerty High School for *Under Water Portrait*.

Middle School Winners were

Ruby Isaacs from Lawton Chiles Middle School for *Flamingo Print*, and

Zach Safier from Jackson Heights Middle School for his pen and ink drawing.

All the student artists receive participation ribbons which, along with the Student Art Fest programs, are sponsored by The Law Office of Timothy A Moran, LLC.

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 \$700,000 for scholarships, school grants, and charitable organizations. Last year, over 30,000 people attended the event.

For more information visit our website at www.GreatDayOviedo.org or contact 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.

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