



New River Biennial

Perspective Gallery, on the second floor of Squires Student Center at Virginia Tech, is hosting the 12th New River Art Juried Biennial, a juried show that features 25 artists hailing from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Radford, Roanoke, Harrisonburg and 10 other Virginia communities.

The 30 artworks in the show were selected from 211 submitted works by more than 70 artists. The show remains on display until Nov. 7.

On Oct. 18, the show's three-juror team announced which of the selected works received awards totaling \$2,100. The show's biggest prize, the \$500 Nadine Allen Memorial Award, went to Christiansburg artist Nick Vitelli for his colored pencil portrait "Cuba."

The other winners were:

- Award of Excellence: artist Sean Hatter, of Check, for "Portrait of Philip"
- First Award of Distinction: Roanoke sculptor Dave Wertz for "Well, Kiss my Sweet Ass"
- Second Award of Distinction: Afton artist Lily Erb for "Appalachia"
- Award of Merit: Blacksburg woodworker W. Dale Norton for "Wanderings"
- Most Innovative: Roanoke painter Gina Louthian-Stanley for "Caged Window"
- Honorable Mentions: Christiansburg artists Julie Hawk for "Presence of the Circle II" and Jennifer Carpenter for "A Flare to Remember"

The jurors were Michael Haga, associate dean for the College of Charleston School of the Arts in South Carolina; photographer Jeffrey Allison, head of statewide programming for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond; and Perspective Gallery art director Robin Boucher. The show was organized by the Blacksburg Regional Art Association in partnership with Jacksonville Center for the Arts in Floyd and Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley in Pulaski. The show rotates among the three venues. The Fine Arts Center in Pulaski will host the next one in 2015.

Admission to the show is free. For more information, visit newriverart.org.

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