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Student captures Best of Show award again in PCC's fall semester Student Art Show

PUEBLO – For the second time in three semesters, Desirae Garcia has won Best of Show in Pueblo Community College's Student Art Show for the fall semester, this time for her "Strange Fruit" painting. The awards presentation was held Thursday evening in PCC's San Juan Building, with the winners announced by PCC President Patty Erjavec.

Garcia also won Best of Show in the fall 2009 student art exhibit. She is in her last semester at PCC and plans to continue her studies by pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from CSU-Pueblo and eventually hopes to earn a master's degree in fine arts as well.

The Chair's Choice award went to Catherine Ross for her Born on the 4th of July piece, while Jade O'Day took Juror's Choice with her Elephant Head Flower Pot. A total of 209 pieces were submitted, and the top three place finishers and honorable mentions were selected in each of 6 categories: ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, photography, painting and drawing. Scholarships were given to the overall award winners as well as the first-place winner in each category.

Here are the artists who were honored Thursday:

Best of Show: Desirae Garcia (Strange Fruit)

Chair's Choice: Catherine Rose (Born on the 4th of July)

Juror's Choice: Jade O'Day (Elephant Head Flower Pot)

Ceramics

1. Lau Yin-Ting (Stuff Animal)
2. Donavon Espinoza (Sun Plants)
3. Blond Morris (Spouted Water Vessel)

Honorable Mention: Jonathan Holden (Last Tea), Schakara Arrazola (Tall 'N Hot), Dwight Dew (Summer Places)

Jewelry

1. Jacqueline Walker (Mish Mash)
2. Marvin Taylor (Mothers Ring)
3. Janet Naranjo (Tammy's Heart)

Honorable Mention: Richard Bucci (Stone Cold), Rhonda Jiminez (Nature)

Sculpture

1. Caleb Smith (Birth From Refuse Comp #3 Ana Log)
 2. Jade O'Day (Runaway Carousel)
 3. Daniel Potter (Salvation of Growth)
- Honorable Mention: Shirley Espinoza (Life). Mary Lou Maisonet (Wooden Tear Drop)

Photography

1. James DeSantos (Over the Hill and Far Away)
 2. Christin Gonzales (Precious Moments)
 3. Richard Urban (Waterfall)
- Honorable Mention: James A. DeSantos II (Faces Behind the Falls). James Holder (Timeless)

Painting

1. Lau Yin-Ting (Perceptions of Reality)
2. Johon Lisby (Summer Music)
3. Samuel Travis Lindsey Jr. (Shadow of a Flower)

Drawing

1. Sam Barton (Self-Portrait)
 2. James Santisteven (Ivy)
 3. Devin Hicks (Untitled)
- Honorable Mention: Joshua Casarez (Still Living). Patricia Roberts (Greek Sculpture). Daniel Sanchez (The One)

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