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Top Student Artwork to Be Featured at Mark Arts

WICHITA, Kan. – Mark Arts, Elizabeth B. Koch and the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation present the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, on display Feb. 2 through March 10. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Mark Arts, 1307 N. Road.

The reception will feature live youth entertainment from the following groups:

5:15 - Wichita Southeast High School Madrigals

5:45 - Northwest High School Chamber Orchestra

6:05 - West High School Madrigals

6:35 - Wichita East High School Jazz Combo

The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition showcases select artwork created by middle school and high school students from 70 Kansas counties. The Scholastic Art Awards are the largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists in the United States, identifying and rewarding students who demonstrate superior talent and achievement.

Participants, supported by their visual arts teachers and other community mentors, create and submit their best works of art. Each work is reviewed by a panel of art professionals for originality, technical skill and the emergence of personal vision.

More than 2,300 entries were submitted, and 802 were selected as Gold Key, Silver Key or honorable mention. Gold Key works are entered in the national judging process, and five Gold Key recipients were nominated for the Eastern Kansas American Visions medal, which will be selected later this year.

The 2018 American Visions nominees are:

Jenna Anderson, Rose Hill High School: *Falling* (Drawing and Illustration)

Breanna Herrera, Rose Hill High School: *303 S. Broadway* (Drawing and Illustration)

Alicia Thurston, Wichita Northwest High School: *Porcupine* (Ceramics & Glass)

Zhiqing Wang, Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science in Hays: *Subsist* (Photography)

Emily Westbrook, Valley Center High School: *Worlds Away* (Drawing and Illustration)

A full listing of accepted artworks is available at MarkArtsKS.com/scholastic.

Mark Arts will honor Gold Key, scholarship and cash award recipients at a ceremony at 3 p.m. on March 10.

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About Mark Arts

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. The galleries are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. Visit MarkArtsKS.com or call 316.634.2787.