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COCA announces Creative winners

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The Creative Tallahassee 2015 exhibition is on view now at the City Hall Art Gallery. This highly-anticipated, annual, multi-media, juried exhibition features more than 60 paintings, drawings, photographs, textiles, and sculptures by many well-known and emerging local artists.

While it is an honor for an artist to be selected to participate in this exhibition, a few artists have received some additional kudos. Exhibition judge, Viki Thompson Wylder, recently retired from her position as the Curator of Education for the Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts. She also served for many years as the advisor to the Artists' League of the Museum. She has co-curated several exhibitions and she is a scholar on the life and work of famous American artist Judy Chicago.

COCA congratulates all the Creative Tallahassee artists this year, as well as the award winners.

Honorable Mention:



Allison Milham, Na Leo Kupuna

MANDEM
Untitled Study #1, oil and pigment ink on canvas

Honorable Mention:

Ava Prebys
Golden Waves, fiber
Honorable Mention:
Roger Raeppe
Gulf Fog, Mist and Rain, photograph

3rd Place:

Jeff Byers
Richard Hutchins Tea Service, ceramic

2nd Place:

Stewart Nelson
Wetlander, iPhone Panorama

1st Place:

Allison Milham
Na Leo Kupuna/Voices

of Our Ancestors, fiber
As part of the Art in Public Places Program, COCA not only manages the City's public gallery spaces, COCA also manages the City's permanent art collection, which is comprised of about 80 artworks by local artists, displayed in public areas throughout City buildings and outdoors. Some of these artworks have been acquired through donations to the City but the majority were purchased from the artists in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Mayor Andrew Gillum recently expressed his desire for the City's perma-

nent art collection to expand and reflect the artworks that are being currently being created by our local artists. In order to realize that vision, Mayor Gillum and COCA have worked together to create a new annual prize for the Creative Tallahassee exhibition — the Mayor's Purchase Prize. Each year, the Mayor will select an artwork for this prize. The piece will be purchased from the artist and added to the City of Tallahassee permanent art collection for public display.

Mayor's Purchase Prize 2015
Scott Bell



Scott Bell, Daily Blends

Daily Blends 1, mixed media

The City Hall Gallery is located on the second floor of City Hall, 300 South Adams Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Creative Tallahassee is curated by the Council on Culture & Arts and is part of the City of Tallahassee's Art in Public Places

program. For more details about this exhibition, visit www.cocanet.org/city-hall.

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