

Hull Public Schools Hosts District-Wide Art Festival



Hull High School freshman Olivia Rys displays her paintings. (Courtesy Photo Hull Public Schools)



Middle and high school students Lucy Peters, Alessandra Truglia, Peter Menice, Grace Waters, Lucia Foresta, Alyssa Healey, and Allison Mitchell play in the combined jazz band. (Courtesy Photo Hull Public Schools)



Gwen Lofgren, third grade, displays her honorable mention. (Courtesy Photo Hull Public Schools)

HULL – Superintendent Kathleen Tyrell is pleased to announce that Hull Public Schools hosted a successful district-wide art festival last week.

On Wednesday, May 31, from 6-8 p.m., artwork from students in grades kindergarten through 12 was on display at Hull High School. Hundreds of guests attended the event to admire clay, paint, paper, charcoal and other media pieces.

“This event exceeded our expectations, and I am so proud of all student artists and musicians for their work and participation,” Superintendent Tyrell said. “We had a number of projects in different art mediums on display that showcased a wide range of abilities and curriculum topics, and we’re so pleased so many parents and community members came out to see our students’ work.”

During the event, the middle school and high school jazz bands provided musical entertainment with soloist performances between sets. Andrew St. George, music teacher at Memorial Middle School, and Ian Barkon, music teacher at Hull High School, conducted the performances throughout the evening.

“What a terrific evening to display the talents of both our musical and visual artists!” St. George said.

Once inside Hull High School, guests were drawn to the Best in Show contest. Art teachers selected artwork for the contest and guests voted for a Best in Show winner from each school. The Hull PTO graciously provided awards for the student artists. Additionally, artists from Gallery Nantasket reviewed the pieces and selected Honorable Mention Awards.

Jacobs Elementary School

Best in Show: Melanie Bodley, fifth grade, for watercolor and permanent marker on paper

Honorable Mention: Ava Russo, fifth grade, for tempera and crayon on paper

Gwen Lofgren, third grade, for oil pastel, cut and ripped paper and yarn

Memorial Middle School

Best in Show: Maeve Donohue, eighth grade, for “Bear” — pencil on paper

Honorable Mention: Olivia Spooner, eighth grade, for “Howling Spirit” — acrylic on canvas board

Arieanna Miller, eighth grade, for “Cherry” — India ink and liquid watercolor on paper

Hailey Gould, Bridget Fleming, Lexi Hendrickson and Deanna Malvesti, sixth grade, for “The Bloody Kick” — mixed media set design for stop motion animation movie

Hull High School

Best in Show: Annabella Palermo-Cristaldi, grade 12, for “Sunk” — watercolor and graphite

Honorable Mention: Ian Walsh-Pederson, grade 12, for “Jiffy Pop” — charcoal, graphite, and colored pencil

Mackenzie Belleville, grade 12, “No String Attached” — watercolor and graphite

All winners will have their artwork displayed at Gallery Nantasket, 121 Nantasket Ave., from June 4-18. Artists, families and friends are invited to a celebration on Friday, June 16, 6-8 p.m. at the gallery.

The event would not have been possible without the dedication and countless hours of preparation from art teachers Amanda Davis, Kate Cicalese and Tyler Sorgman.

“Together we knew a district-wide spring art show would help bring the community together, align our curriculum, enable the art teachers to collaborate, and showcase the combined efforts and talents of the complete student population,” Davis said. “We’re so happy with how everything turned out and look forward to next year’s event!”