

The Virgin Islands Consortium

ArtVI Advocates Announces Caribbean Color Exhibit Winners

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ST. THOMAS -- The more than 500 people who attended this year's 2016 Caribbean Color exhibit at Yacht Haven Grande on Friday chose Lisa Parfitt's glass mosaic, "The Rooster," as the "Best in Show" artist, a press release Art VI Advocates issued today has made known.

The 2016 Caribbean Color, Live Life in Yellow art exhibition was hosted by Artvi Advocates. This annual event celebrates the diversity, creativity, and quality of work being produced in the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to the organizers.

"Choosing a favorite artwork was no easy task, as there were many imaginative works of art submitted this year, several of which were whimsical 3-dimensional installations or interactive art pieces," said Priscilla Hintz Rivera Knight, co-curator and executive director of ARTVI.

Featured in the exhibition were more than 70 works of art from local resident artists from all three islands, as well as more than 30 works of art by students from, Bertha C. Boschulte Middle school, St. Croix Educational Complex, St. Croix Central High, Antilles school, the School of Visual Arts and Careers among others.

Other exhibition winners included School of Visual Arts & Careers, student artist, Jendalne Antoine, who won first place in the student two-dimensional category for her painting "Afro Nature," and painter, Clifton Berry, who took first prize for in the two dimensional category for his painting, " Under the Yellow Sun."

In addition, to the exhibit and interactive community art installation, visitors to the exhibit Saturday were able to enjoy live painting performances by Ensor Colon and Art Explorium members, led by art teacher, Amy Gibbs.

The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th and from 10 a.m. to Noon on Wednesday May 25th. The gallery is in the former Havana Nine store at Yacht Haven Grande.

Artvi Advocates is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and promote the arts in order to enhance the cultural, social and economic well-being of the U.S. Virgin Islands through arts education and advocacy. Caribbean Color was sponsored by Guardian Insurance, Yacht Haven Grande, Glazer's Premier Distributors, and PHR Art Projects.

The following is a complete list of winners.

Best in Show Adult: "The Rooster" by Lisa Parfitt

Adults

Category 1: Two Dimensional: Fine Art Photography, Oil Painting, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastels, Drawings, and Mixed Media Flat.

1st Prize: "Under the Yellow Moon" by Clifton Berry

2nd: "Island Utopia" by Janice Penn

3rd: "Rosa and the Light" by Kat Stevens

Category 2 Three Dimensional: Sculpture, Clay, Found Objects, Collage, Relief and Mixed Media.

1st Prize: "The Rooster" by Lisa Parfitt

2nd: "Butterfly Bloom" by Brenda Sylvia

3rd: "Stinga" by Jarred Shomo

Students

Two Dimensional: Fine Art Photography, Oil Painting, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastels, Drawings, and Mixed Media Flat.

1st Prize: "Afro Nature" by Jendalne Antoine

2nd: "Touch the Sky" by Lily Johnson

3rd: "Reflections of Gold" by Marina Meersman

Feature Image: From left to right: Artworks of Lisa Parfitt, Jendalane Antoine and Clifton Berry (Credit: Artvi).

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