Student artwork unveiled

Laura Vodzak, a Dallas junior, walks off with Best in Show award at Rosetti exhibit

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DALLAS - The MacDonald Art Gallery at College Misericordia in Dallas provided the setting for the 20th annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Show and Winners' Exhibit opening reception on Sunday, March 4.

The exhibit features 345 pieces of art created by students who live and/or study in Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest school districts. There are separate categories in each of the six grade levels, seven through 12. More than 900 pieces of art work were judged

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for the event. The judges were: Michelle Christopher, Brett Gauntlett, Cindy Jones, Michell Lord, Nancy Norkaitis and Angelique Prevost.

Louise Rossetti, mother of the late Suzanne Rossetti, arrived from the Boston area to be part of this annual exhibit. Sue Hand, local artist and private instructor, and her husband, Joe, have sponsored this event since its inception 20 years ago. Their daughter, Heather Madeira, served as the event coordinator.

"We think it's wonderful that so many people came out on such a snowy day to support our youth," said Madeira.



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Best of Show winner, Laura Vodzak, (11th grader from Dallas) with her proud parents, John and Ann Vodzak, holding 3 of her award winning paintings, from left John, Laura and Ann Vodzak. Paintings - 1. Edinburgh, Scotland - an oil - first place 2. "A Daisy for Jen" - a graphic, mixed media piece - first place 3. Grasmere Cemetery - a mixed colored pencil - 4 awards - first place, best of grade level, best of show and mixed media award.

"We are all impressed with the tremendous quality of the art work," said Hand. "Our students have reached new heights this year. There is a lot of talent in this area, and we are proud of these kids. They are the hope for the future.

Some of the awards received by the students are:

Paul J. LaBar Memorial Awards for Best of Grade Level: R. J. Tomascik, 7th grade; Rachel Chin, 8th grade; Jill Szustak, 9th grade; Christina Lumbis, 10th grade; Laura Vodzak, 11th grade; Brook Kryston, 12th grade.

The Larish & LaBar Awards for "Triple Blue Society" - (Three blue ribbons from three entries): R. J. Tomascik, 7th grade; Beth Mariner, 10th grade; Krystin Kopen, 11th grade; Laura Vodzak, 11th grade.

Laura Vodzak, a Dallas junior, won several awards including the Peter Rossetti Memorial Award for Best of Show. Laura has been studying under the watchful eye of Sue Hand for 13

"I am very excited and happy to win the Best of Show award,' she said. "I have put a lot of myself into my work this year, and I'm thankful to Mrs. Hand for her guidance and support."

Laura's mother and father, Ann and John Vodzak, smiled

as they spoke of their daughter and her talent. "We are very proud of her," said Mrs. Vodzak. They were both pleased to help their daughter display her work for the many people who wanted to take pictures of this remarkable young lady and her artistry.

The exhibit continues from March 13 through March 29. It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon until 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday from noon until 5 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

A 14 page booklet containing all of the awards and winners is available at the exhibit.

Mikielski running for **Prothonotary**

Barbara Mikielski has announced her candidacy for Prothonotary of Luzerne County. A registered Republican, Mikielski has 15 years experience using court house records of 13 Pennsylvania counties. She is the administrator for Wyoming Valley Abstract Company. In a press statement, she said her knowledge of the title insurance industry and the valuable resources contained in the Prothonotary's Office, combined with a desire to serve the public have resulted in a candidacy dedicated to preserving, maintaining streamlining records

Mikielski is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, the Pennsylvania State University and has continued her education through classes at Luzerne County Community College, Small Business Development Center and Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Class of 2000. She is a licensed title insurance agent for the state of Pennsylvania, Notary Public and is co-chairperson of the Pennsylvania Land Title Association Northeast Chapter. She is a committee member of Boy Scout Troop 241, Lehman, member of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Alumni Council, Greater Federated Women's Club - Harvey's Lake, member and volunteer for the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, Maple Grove United Methodist Church and its Sunday School.

Mikielski resides in Lehman Township with her husband Jerry and their children, Hope and April Eaton, Jerry Jr. and Andrew Mikielski and Lorie, Greg and Jessica Mikielski of Hanover Township.

DHS Grad 2001 Committee to Meet

Gary Crompton Leann Ickes Mike Hiscox Jason Blandford

Some of the Dallas students exhibiting, from left: Seated: Helene

Jayne Mrs. Louise Rossetti Laura Vodzak Lori Bertinelli. Standing:

The next meeting of the Dallas High School's Grad 2001 committee will be Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Anyone interested in helping with the alcohol free, drug free all night lock-in being planned for the graduating class of 2001 is cordially invited to attend.

Family Fun Night to aid DHS Grad 2001

Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas will be hosting Family Fun Night on Monday evening, March 12 from 5-8 p.m. A percentage of the proceeds from both eat-in and take out orders will benefit the all night drug-free, alcohol-free party being planned by the Dallas High School's Grad 2001 committee.

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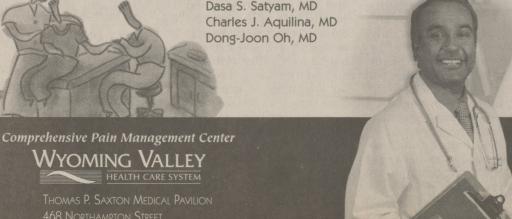
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Legion will meet March 8

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After the meeting the membership will hold a birthday party for the 82nd anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. All members are asked to attend. Final call for Legion dues is in the month of March.

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