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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



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Rita Goode conducts part of the World Day of Prayer service at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas Township.

World learning power of prayer

Annual event brings millions together for day of spiritual inspiration

By MATT HANNON
For The Dallas Post

DALLAS TWP. - Millions of people around the world believe in the power of prayer. The Rev. Roger Griffith is one of them.

The pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church recently led a World Day of Prayer service at his church on Irem Road. The local observation of World Day of Prayer is held at a different church in the Back Mountain each year. Next year's service will be held at Shavertown United Methodist Church. Griffith said that he believes the world is beginning to see changes from the affects of prayer.

"I've been seeing definitive evidence of our world getting smaller and smaller around us as we learn from each other and pray for each other," he said. "This World Day of Prayer puts an emphasis on unity and togetherness in celebration of what is in common rather than the differences."

Every year on the first Friday in March, millions of women of different faiths throughout the world come together spiritually to observe World Day of Prayer.

"Informed prayer leads to prayerful action. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasur-

able influence in the world," says a statement on the World Day of Prayer Web site.

Women pray for people across the world, but each year a certain country and its culture is chosen to be the focus of the prayers. This year, the World Day of Prayer USA Committee chose Paraguay, with the theme of "United Under God's Tent."

Each year, a symbol is chosen to guide - and inspire - the people in prayer. This year's symbol was a fianduti, a spider-web lace woven together with one piece of thread.

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Bolinski said she feels the group is doing a great good for the world.

"I love having this great fellowship of women together," she said. "We get to reaffirm our love for the great Jesus."

When someone in the group mentioned to Bolinski about the great weather for the prayer service, Bolinski answered with "We expected it. That's the power of prayer in action."

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Mary Darling and Bina Holdredge carry a fianduti, a spider-web lace woven together with one piece of thread, into the service.

ROSSETTI ART CONTEST



John Dymond admires a piece of art at the annual Rossetti art show at the MacDonald Art Gallery.

Work of art

Annual contest oozes with talent

By GENELLE HOBAN
Dallas Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. - From spectacularly vibrant colors to intricate three-dimensional designs, the 26th annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest was oozing with local talent.

The exhibit was opened to the public last weekend at the MacDonald Art Gallery on the College Misericordia campus and an awards ceremony followed the showcase.

Students in grades seven through 12 entered their work in categories from pastels to photography to just about every other type of medium in between. The students must reside in the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Northwest Area or Tunkhannock school districts.

"I entered three pieces and all three did well," Laura Madeira, 14, said. "My pen and ink (drawing) of the Forty Fort Meeting House won a special award for the best local historical subject."

Madeira is no stranger to art. After all, she is the granddaughter of well-known Dallas artist Sue Hand and began taking arts lessons from her grandmother at the age of 6.

"I get most of my inspiration from photographs my grandmother takes while on loca-



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Event organizer Sue Hand explains how winners were chosen during the annual Rossetti art contest at College Misericordia.

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Sirak wins 1st place in American Legion essay contest

Wyoming Seminary senior Kendra Sirak took first place on the local level in the 72nd annual essay contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion. The Shavertown girl and other winners were honored last weekend during a breakfast at the Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672.

The topic for this year's contest was "How Can We Support Our Troops?"

Students who reside in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts were invited to enter the contest at the local level.

Sirak received a \$300 savings bond, a certificate and a medal. She will also advance to the next level of competition.

The second place winner was

Dallas High School junior Rosemary Shaver and third place was awarded to John Bailey, a junior at Bishop Hoban.

Honorable mention awards were given to Lake-Lehman junior Bethany Yamrick, Lake-Lehman junior Emily Thomas, Dallas senior Billy Barnes, and Lake-Lehman senior Greg Heindel.

Sirak will be competing for monetary awards district and state levels.

Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the state contest. The first place winner receives a \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to the American Legion convention in July to read the winning essay.

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Dallas resident Sirak, a senior at Wyoming Seminary, won first place for her essay about supporting our troops.



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Greg Heindel, a junior at Lake-Lehman High School, won an honorable mention award.

ceives a \$3,000 scholarship and a plaque, and the third place win-

ner receives a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

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