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WINNING ARTISTS CELEBRATED TWENTYNINE PALMS

More than 30 entries competed for honors at the first “Celebrate 29!” Juried Art Exhibition held during this year’s Pioneer Days, sponsored by the City of Twentynine Palms Public Arts Advisory Committee. Both Mayor Joel Klink and Mayor pro tem Steve Flock were on hand to present awards to the winning artists at a reception at the Community Center on Friday night, Oct. 16.

Winning first place for her collage titled “Sky’s The Limit” was artist Gretchen Grunt of Twentynine Palms, who also received a cash prize of \$300. Second place and \$200 went to Jane Maru for a framed batik, “Las Palmas,” and the third place award of \$100 was given to Mita Barter for her miniature assemblage denoting Twentynine Palms, called “Anyplace Else.”

A fourth place ribbon went to David Beeken’s digital photography, “El Adobe Romance.” And winning the Mayor’s Choice award as well as an honorable mention ribbon was artist Gloria White for a colorful acrylic painting titled “Cacti.”

Additional honorable mention ribbons were received by Natalie Massey and Laura Peterson-Volz for their desert oil paintings, Fred Libby for his photograph “Homestead Sunset,” and Deanne Chatterton for a quilted desert scene called “The Road Less Traveled.”

All of the artists participating in the exhibition presented their artistic visions of celebrating desert life in Twentynine Palms. Public Arts Advisory Committee Chairman Chuck Caplinger says he hopes to make the “Celebrate 29!” judged exhibition an annual Pioneer Days event.

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