

CHALKFEST 2016



The eyes have it! Professional chalk artist Lori Antoinette instructed a free youth chalk art workshop funded by the City of Twentynine Palms Public Arts Advisory Council to kick off the 7th annual Chalkfest 29! hosted by Action 29 Palms – The Mural People. The event was held at the Community Services Building on Joe Davis Drive in Twentynine Palms this past weekend. Forty-five students from age 5 to 17 took advantage of the class.

“The sign ups for the workshop tripled from last year and Lori’s ability to connect with the kids made the learning experience such fun for everyone,” stated Chairwoman LeeAnn Clarke.

Over 300 people attended the event, which raised nearly \$800 that will go toward restoration of the public murals that make Twentynine Palms unique.

KiDz ZoNe Winners

Forty entries ranging from grades 1-12 competed for medals and prizes in the KiDz ZoNe competition. Judges were **Judy** and **Dean Sellinger**, **Mark Spangenberg**, and **Jim Hauronic**. **Lt. Mike Barta** of the Morongo Basin Sheriff’s Department, shown in the center below with medal winners in grades 1-6, presented the awards.



Medal Winners Grades 1-6: 1st Place – **Kyle Webber**, 2nd Place – **Shawn Webber**, 3rd Place – **Liam Keeran**
Honorable mention: **Damien Lawrence**, **Tegan Henretty**, **Dahlia Mena Ramos**, **Madeline Duncan**, **Elijah Ratering**, and **Amy Medina**.

In the 7 – 12th grade class winners receive gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$50. **Gift Winners Grades 7-12:** 1st Place - **Bianca Perera**, 2nd Place – **Kendra Baker**, 3rd Place – **Ryan Luff**, and honorable mention – **Haley Miller**.



Professional/Amateur Winners 11 amazing artists from Southern California registered, half were local:



Entry #1 – **Sofia Limon** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “Starfish”



Entry #2 – **Lori Antoinette** (Palmdale) – Artwork: “Prince – Purple Rain”

Entry #3 – **Twyla Johnson** (Imperial) – Artwork: “Sevilla”





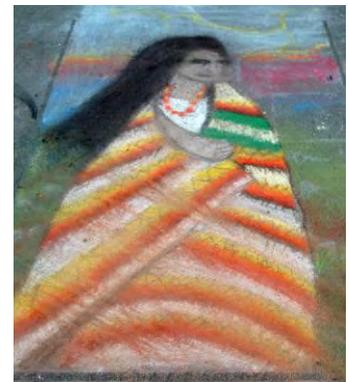
Entry #4 – **Jacque “Keith” DuBois** (Pasadena) – Artwork: “Give Fish A Chance”



Entry #5 – **Fernando Decampo & Ryan Valle** (Compton) – Artwork: “The 5th Sun”



Entry #6 – **29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “Panda Flower Power”



Entry #7 – **Amy Jo and Emma Wright** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “Fire Woman”



Entry #8 – **Taunya Cousseaux** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “Rainbow Face”

Entry #9 – **Elisabeth Augustine** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “A Whole New World”



Entry #10 – **Celeste Rogin** (Hesperia) – Artwork: “Fantasy Turned into Reality”



Entry #11 – **Sabrina Luff** (29 Palms) – Artwork: “Mau”

Mayor Dan Mintz presented trophies for three awards to the artists: Artists’ Award, voted by the 11 competing artists; People’s Choice, voted by the people who came by to see the artwork on Sunday; and the Mayor’s Choice Award, picked solely by Mayor Mintz.

The Artist’s Award went to entry #2 **Lori Antoinette** for “Prince – Purple Rain.”

The People’s Choice Award went to entry #5 **Fernando Ocampo** and **Ryan Valle** for “The 5th Sun.”



The Mayor’s Choice Award went to entry #8 **Taunya Causeaux** for “Rainbow Face”

A Community Square Award was presented to entry #6 **Gretchen Grunt and her students at 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery** for “Panda Flower Power.” This is the first year that a group has chosen to design and carry out the artwork for an entry.



The American Heritage Girls Troop CA0029 and Friends of the Twentynine Palms Library provided fun activities for the kids along with craft and game activities outside. Funding from the City of Twentynine Palms, Celebrating 29 Years in 29 Palms, provided food from Dickey’s Barbecue Pit and music by the Luminators.

If you didn’t make it to the festival, you can still see the original art by stopping at the Community Services Building on Joe Davis Drive. [**Click here**](#) for a collage of the masterpieces from our young artists