

Potlatch to be held for CINA/JOM youth art contestants

Every year the Cook Inlet Native Association/Johnson-O'Malley Program sponsors the annual "Native Youth Art Contest". Native youth from ages three through students to the 12th grade are encouraged to enter their art/literary work. Over the past five years, this event has encouraged many young artists to display their talent in the Anchorage area.

Diane Johnson coordinated this years event. There are a total of 36 categories that the students chose from, the only limitation was that they could only enter one item per category. Categories range from traditional beadwork, garment-making and carving to the more contemporary art of painting, drawing and photography.

Among all the prizes awarded, First through Third places and Honorable Mentions, the "Judges Choice" winners were Pre-School/Elementary: Jamie Lee, Taku Elementary, 1st Grade (Beadwork) and Secondary: Lyle Garner, Clark Jr. High School, 7th Grade (Wood Carving). Those winners were chosen based on their originality and creativity.

Jamie Lee in the Pre-School/Elementary division won a \$200.00 Savings bond, and Lyle Garner won a trip the the Lower 48, either to a National Indian Conference or to the Santa Fe Art School in New Mexico.

An exhibition is now going on for all the artwork to be displayed throughout the Anchorage area. At the exhibit, the viewing public

is encouraged to vote for their favorite art piece and the art/literary work receiving the most votes will receive a plaque for "Best of the Show". In each category, the first place winners will receive original artwork by Alaskan artists. For the second, third place and Honorable mention winners, they will receive a ribbon and all entrants will receive a certificate.

The artwork was judged on February 25th at Cook Inlet Native Association, and a two-week exhibit is currently going on now through out the Anchorage area. A potlatch will be held for the entrants and their families on March 23rd at Romig Jr. High from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Everyone is encouraged to view the exhibit.