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## *School of Performing and Visual Arts Event on Display in Communication Studies Hall Gallery*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University School of Performing and Visual Arts' largest exhibit of they year, the Annual Undergraduate Exhibit, announced the results of its judged competition. The exhibit is on display in the Communication Studies Hall Gallery through Feb. 28.

Virginia Priest

The exhibit consists of work from undergraduate students who have taken a wide variety of art studio class. Art is featured from drawing, painting, ceramics, and printmaking courses. The work on display represents student artists from various disciplines, not just those with art majors or minors.

This year's judge was Kenny Walker, who teaches at Shelby (N.C.) High School. He holds a Master of Arts from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., and a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

"An impressive variety of pieces were submitted to the show," said Walker. "Students clearly are exploring a diverse range of styles and means of expression through class projects. The winners were selected based on the student's ability to execute technically and expressively through a successful composition."

Kristin Rohm

Best of Show went to Kristin Rohm for her paintings Walker hailed as "pieces that immediately command attention." First place was Meg Frost for a figure drawing described by Walker as "captivating." Ashley Bowen received second place for a portrait described by Walker as "warm with cool color contrasts." Third place winner was Virginia Priest, who created a multi colored organic print. Rohm also received honorable mention for another painting included in the show.

Kristin Rohm

Meg Frost

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Frank Bonner has agreed to let current student artwork, including the exhibits winners, to be displayed in Webb Hall, home to the president's office.

Ashley Bowen

For more information about this exhibit and GWU's School of Performing and Visual Arts – Visual Division, call 704-406-4362.

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