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TITLE: CALL FOR ARTISTS - NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

The City of Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks in conjunction with the National Arts Program is proud to announce the 11th Annual National Arts Program Exhibition and Competition in Santa Rosa. This program provides local artists of all ages with a forum to showcase their artistic accomplishments and encourages artistic growth through scholarships and awards.

This Call for Artists is open to all City of Santa Rosa residents, city employees and relatives of city employees. Registration forms are now available at the Finley and Steele Lane Community Centers or online, and the deadline to enter is January 10, 2014. Participation will be limited to the first 200 entries.

The exhibition will take place from February 3 – March 28, 2014 at the Finley Community Center, with an Awards Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, March 2, from 3-5 pm.

There is no fee to enter, and we encourage artists of all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience to participate. Cash awards and continuing education scholarships totaling over $5,000 will be awarded by age and classifications. Adult Awards have three classifications: amateur, intermediate, and professional, with cash prizes of 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $200, and 3rd place - $100. Youth Awards have two classifications: Youth (ages 12 and under), and Teen (13-18), with cash prizes of 1st place - $75, 2nd place - $50, 3rd place - $25. In addition, a best of show award of $300 and scholarships for continuing education will be awarded. Everyone receives a Certificate of Participation.

National Arts Program was established in 1985 by the National Art Foundation to inspire, acknowledge, and reward creative accomplishments throughout the nation. The program began as a pilot project in Philadelphia and has extended nationally to include 90 venues in 42 states. The concept of the National Arts Program is to provide an uninhibited opportunity for all people to present their talents, at whatever level, in a public exhibition, free to artists and public. To learn more about this program, please visit the National Arts Program’s web site.

To learn more about the City of Santa Rosa’s art programs, visit www.srcity.org/arts.

The Finley Community Center is located at 2060 W. College Avenue in Santa Rosa. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 7:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM - 1:00PM. For further information, call (707) 543-3279.