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PTA Reflections Children's Art, April 27 - May 20, 2007

West Valley Art Museum will open the "PTA Reflections: My Favorite Place" exhibition at its Avenue of the Arts location on April 27, 2007, as part of its ongoing commitment to Arizona children's art education.

Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

The theme, "My Favorite Place", was selected for this year's topic. National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in four areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage). In its more than 30-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art. The Reflections Program was started in 1969 by then Colorado PTA President Mary Lou Anderson.

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their local PTA or PTSA. Any PTA/PTSA in good standing is eligible to sponsor a Reflections Program.

Traditionally, the show at the Museum represents predominantly primary grades and consists of Arizona's entries to the national competition.

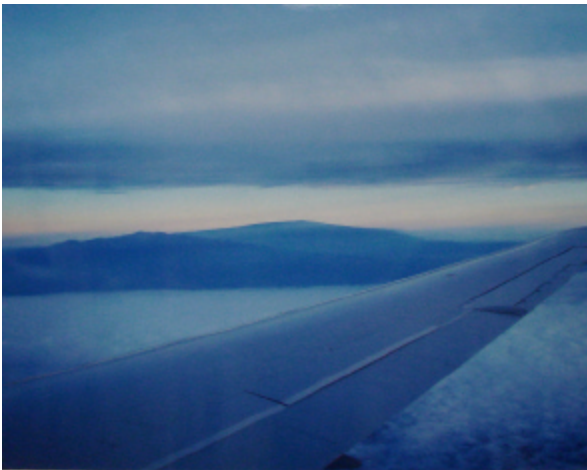
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Hannah Leber,
5th grade, Arrowhead Elementary School
Visual Arts Award of Excellence for the Intermediate Grade
Category. "My Favorite Place is the Happiest Place"



Alexandra Eaton
Primary Award of Excellence
2nd Grade, Desert Springs Elementary
"Colorado"



Patrick Teetsel
Photography Outstanding Interpretation of Theme
Intermediate Award of Excellence
4th Grade, Stetson Hills Elementary
"My Favorite Place is Soaring Above the Clouds"



Monica Mueller
10th Grade, Prescott high School
Photography Award of Excellence for the Senior
Grade Division "Providence"

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