

# Thirty-Seven Talented State Employees and Their Family Members Honored

## Division of the Arts announces award-winning artists in its annual Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition

Dover, Del. (March 14, 2020) – The talented state employees and their family members were recognized for their artwork exhibited at the ninth annual *Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition* sponsored by the National Arts Program®.

**Twenty-nine** awards were awarded in five categories—Professional, Intermediate, Amateur, Teen (13-18 years old), and Youth (12 years and under). Other distinguished awards included the: Best of Show Award, Two People’s Choice Awards (calculated by most number of “likes” on Facebook and entries by email and in-person ballot votes at the Gallery), Art Education Award (up to \$200 reimbursement for arts instruction and materials), and four Special Award categories. 2020 Artwork is available on [Facebook](#). 2020 award winners are available on [Flickr](#).

Update – The Arts Center/Gallery will be open today, Friday, March 13 until 5:00pm for artwork pick-up. We are still waiting to hear if we will be able to continue with pick-up hours next week and will keep you posted. You may contact the Arts/Center Gallery directly at 857-6697

before making a trip to the Gallery next week. The Gallery is closed for the weekend.

The artwork pick-up schedule for next week is at the Delaware State University Arts Center/Gallery from March 16 to 21. Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 12 to 4 p.m.

If there are any changes to the pick-up schedule, the Division will also post any information on our website, [arts.delaware.gov](http://arts.delaware.gov), and the Arts Center/Gallery will have recorded messages on its voicemail at 302-857-6697.

Below is a list of all award winners:

## **2020 National Arts Program Award** **Winners**

**Best of Show:** Kristin Schlegel, Milford (Featured image)



**People's Choice Award (Facebook):** Cassandra Himes, Longneck



**People's Choice Award (Ballot):** William Cox, Wyoming



**Art Education Award:** Nick Golter, age 14, Avondale, PA



**Special Award, Animals:** Cindy Morris, Hockessin



**Special Award, Abstract:** Lina Romano, Newark



**Special Award, Cityscape:** William Cox, Wyoming



**Special Award, Portrait:** Andre Hinton, Wilmington



**Professional:**

1st Place: Lindsey Ostafy, Newark

2nd Place: Shari Dierkes, Clayton

3rd Place: Derek Carlson, Dover

**Honorable Mentions:**

Jennifer Boland, Dover

Judith S. Loeber, Millsboro

David Celli, Newark

**Intermediate:**

1st Place: Gilberto Rodriguez, Ellendale

2nd Place: Luis Rios Fontanez, Dover

3rd Place: Katherine Bacu, Felton

**Honorable Mentions:**

Joseph Lazartic, Wilmington

Chris Watson, Dover

Liza Golter, Avondale, PA

**Amateur:**

1st Place: Ron Wieber, Marydel

2nd Place: Mindy Wieber, Denton, MD

3rd Place: Yuwen Zhang, Magnolia

**Honorable Mentions:**

Amanda Fabi, Felton

Elijah Jabbar-Bey, Wilmington

**Teen (13-18 years old):**

1st Place: Sydney Horton, age 16, Dover

2nd Place: Alayna DeBaca, age 15, Dover

3rd Place: Sara Paulish, age 17, Dover

**Honorable Mentions:**

Sarah Ding, age 12, Newark

Weston Williams, age 15, Felton

**Youth (12 years and under):**

1st Place: Alexander Staropoli, age 10, Wilmington

2nd Place: Ava Johnson, age 12, Newark

3rd Place: Reagan Garnsey, age 12, Dover

**Honorable Mentions:**

Jonah VanDrunen, age 11, Harbeson

Leah Cooper, age 9, Milton

EJ Trzcinski, age 7, Middletown

Joseph Vianelli, age 10, Wilmington

[2020 Award Winners Artwork](#)

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