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Young Artists Share Talents at YMCA Junior High Art Show

Northbrook, IL: November 2013 – The North Suburban Y’s Community Gallery takes on a youthful perspective for November, as it hosts its Second Annual Juried Junior High Art Show. A colorful array of projects from 50 young artists will be displayed throughout the Y’s public areas until Thanksgiving, showcasing the talents and viewpoints of local students.

Open to all interested junior high and middle school students, the annual show includes a competition judged by an esteemed local art teacher. The Northbrook Arts Commission sponsored cash awards for top honors at each grade level, which were announced at an awards ceremony and reception on November 3. Prize winners included sixth graders Natalie Brame (1st), Mikaela Sherry (2nd) and Vanessa Kuliga (3rd); seventh graders David Lee (1st), Kayla Zuiker (2nd) and Dean Ligkas (3rd); and eighth graders Dima Zaghal (1st), Matthew Mar (2nd), and Keena Du (3rd).

“We really had an outstanding selection of works to consider, especially from the eighth graders,” noted Cathie Winnie, NSYMCA Visual Arts Director. “I’m very proud of the students who had the courage to submit their projects to be critiqued and displayed. We’re also very grateful to the Northbrook Arts Commission which promotes art in our community in so many ways, and to the local junior high art teachers who encouraged students to participate in our show.”

The YMCA offers a number of visual arts classes for all ages, including special junior high programs in Advanced Art, Peer Group Art, Wearable Art, and Graphic Novels. For more information about art classes at the Y, visit www.nsymca.org or contact Cathie Winnie at cwinnie@nsymca.org.



Photo 1 Caption: Prize-winning artists at the North Suburban Y's Junior High Art Show included (from left): Vanessa Kuliga, Keena Du, Dima Zaghaf, Mikaela Sherry, Natalie Brame, David Lee, Matthew Mar, and Kayla Zuiker.



Photo 2 Caption: Artwork by talented local students will be on display at the North Suburban Y through Thanksgiving.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The North Suburban YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to fund capital improvements and transform the facility. All board members are community volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served area families in its fifteen-city region for over 40 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that meet the needs of our community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, call Barb Flanagan at 847-272-7250, bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.