



2011 Dare to Imagine Award

Portfolio Delivery Deadline: Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 4pm

The Waterworks Visual Arts Center is pleased to announce the *2011 Dare to Imagine Award* review process. The *Dare to Imagine Award*, now in its eighth year, is made possible through a gift by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norvell, valued patrons of the Waterworks and the larger cultural community.

Award Description

The award will be presented to the graduating high school senior who meets the requirements of the following mission statement at the Senior Awards Assembly of the recipient's school:

In recognition of the importance of art in the life of our community, the Dare to Imagine Award in the amount of \$1,000 is presented by the Waterworks Visual Arts Center to the Rowan County graduating senior whose artwork most exemplifies the creative potential of the human spirit, heart, and hand.

Submission and Review of Work

Teachers interested in submitting student portfolios for review should deliver the portfolios to the Waterworks by **Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 4pm**. Please be sure each portfolio is labeled with the following:

- The art teacher's name, email, and preferred contact telephone number.
- The student's name (sealed in an envelope), parents' names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers
- The names of the principal and the assistant principal for curriculum, email addresses, school name and full mailing address.

The above contact information will be used to inform all parties of the student's portfolio submission for consideration of this prestigious award. The portfolios will undergo a **blind review** by the WVAC Executive Director to dismiss the concern of bias. Announcement of the winner will be made by telephone/email to the student, then the art teacher, followed by a broadcast email to all high school art teachers and high school principals the week of April 4-8, 2011. **Teachers should pick up submitted portfolios by Tuesday, March 22, 2011, before 4pm. The award recipient's teacher will receive new Guidelines.**

The portfolio of labeled original works should include:

- **4-6 pieces** of the student's **strongest** 2-dimensional and/or 3-dimensional work
- Place in a sealed envelope a typed list of works with the Student's Name, School, and Art Teacher at the top of the portfolio. Each individual piece submitted should list the Title, Size, Medium, and Year created. The works need not be mounted or matted at this point. However, if the student is deemed the award winner any previously framed/matted/mounted works will be carefully dismantled and returned to the student. Waterworks will mat/frame/mount all works for the exhibition.
- Non-winning portfolios should be collected by the art teacher April 15-19, 2011 during regular weekday gallery hours.

Exhibition and Reception

The award-winning student's portfolio of work will be featured in a one-person exhibition at the Waterworks Visual Arts Center **May 21 – August 13, 2011**. The opening reception for the *Dare to Imagine* exhibition will be held on **Friday, May 27, 2011 from 6-8 pm** and will coincide with the four professional exhibitions. The opening reception is free and open to the general public. We strongly encourage the attendance of the student's family, teacher(s), and school administrators at the reception to acknowledge the accomplishment of the student and enjoy the admiring comments that Waterworks patrons enthusiastically share.

Please note: The WVAC Executive Director will select the works from the winning student's portfolio that will be framed for hanging or mounted in the 2011 Dare To Imagine exhibition.

Questions? Please contact Anne Scott Clement at 704.636.1882 or email: director@waterworks.org