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Inspiring Others, One Piece at a Time

NEWESD 101 Celebrates the Winners of the 2023 Regional High School Visual Art Show

SPOKANE, WA – On March 23, NEWESD 101 hosted the 50th Regional High School Visual Art Show Awards Ceremony, an event that showcased 218 works of art from area schools. Held at the Talbott Event Center, the art show began with a Gallery Walk and concluded with a Celebration ceremony.

Works were submitted from 21 high schools, 15 school districts, and one charter school. Over 70 awards were presented including special awards from Avista Utilities Foundation and scholarships from Central Washington University. First place winners will move on to the state competition in Olympia.

"Witnessing the beautiful artwork created by our regional students was so powerful," said Robert Roettger, NEWESD 101 Superintendent. "Every year, we look forward to hosting this Art Show and are thrilled to continue to see our students' artistic gifts on display yet again."

Among the awards presented, the Superintendent Choice Award went to *Beauty After the Pain*, a photograph by East Valley High School Senior, Dianna Demko. The Board Choice Award was given to Charlotte Pedersen from Mt. Spokane High School for the student's painting, *Friends Forever*. In addition to each receiving a cash prize of \$200, Demko and Pedersen's pieces will be permanently displayed at NEWESD 101's Regal Street facility.

To learn more about NEWESD 101's Regional Art Show, and to view the submissions, visit <https://www.esd101.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=520915&pageId=69742012>.

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