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## Spratt Announces High School Art Winners

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today the entries judged best in the annual Congressional art competition, *An Artistic Discovery*.**

Spratt was on hand Sunday afternoon at USC-Sumter for the announcement and kick-off of this year's high school art show, which runs through May 12 at the school's Anderson Library.

Elizabeth Pursley, a senior at Rock Hill High School, placed first with a dye and wax work entitled *Fish Vase*. Pursley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pursley, of Rock Hill, is taught by Susan Miller. Her work will soon join top entries from other Congressional districts for a year-long display in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Adam Faber, a Sumter High School junior, was awarded second place for *Boone and the Puddin' Ryder*, a work he created with linoleum block. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Faber, of Sumter, and is taught by Linda Brown.

Katie Nolan, a sophomore at Darlington High School, won third place with *The Secret Doorway*, a pencil and collage work. Taught by Linda Humphries, she is the daughter of Dale Nolan, of Darlington.

The top three were selected from ninety-six entries from 12 high schools in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Sponsored by the Sumter Gallery of Art and USC-Sumter, this year's competition was judged by Ginger Munnerylyn, a Sumter artist and teacher.

Spratt thanked everyone who submitted an entry and helped with the event, and he extended congratulations to the top three winners and to 26 students who won honorable mention for their art.

"I look forward to this competition every year," said Spratt. "And every year, the entries

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are impressive. They prove the value of making art a part of our school curricula. Our art competitions would be impossible without local support, and my thanks go to the Sumter Gallery of Art, to USC-Sumter, to Ginger Munnerlyn, as well as to the art students and their teachers who made this contest a success.”

The following students won honorable mention for their work:

Josh Mona	Gaffney High School
Ashley E. Pridmore	Gaffney High School
Fumitoshi Komaine	Gaffney High School
Amy Lynne Brooks	Marlboro High School
Ben Douglas	Rock Hill High School
Amy Hayworth	Northwestern High School, Rock Hill
Ann Fishburne	Northwestern High School, Rock Hill
Clayton Mason	Northwestern High School, Rock Hill
Jennifer Wallace	Northwestern High School, Rock Hill
Paul Strain	Crestwood High School, Sumter
Jamie Allsbrook	Sumter High School
McRae R. Smith	Sumter High School
Mary Harris	Sumter High School
Megan Wright	Sumter High School
Gab Delgado	Sumter High School
Ryan Galloway	Sumter High School
Adam Bedenbaugh	Lugoff-Elgin High School
Lauren Anne Pearson	Lugoff-Elgin High School
Travis Gray	Lugoff-Elgin High School
Tamara Anthony	Lugoff-Elgin High School
Grant Jordan	Buford High School, Lancaster
Alexis Cartier Murphy	Thomas Sumter Academy, Dalzell
Jonathan Lynch	Wilson Hall, Sumter
Jennifer Goodwin	Wilson Hall, Sumter
Susan Hill	Wilson Hall, Sumter
Brittany Barrett	Wilson Hall, Sumter

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