

City of Anna News Release
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Anna hosts first Juried Art Show

ANNA, Texas (Feb. 27, 2023) – On Feb. 23, the City of Anna hosted its first juried Student Art Show in partnership with Anna Night School. Twenty-four students participated in the competition. Zaylie Harris took home the top prize, followed by Annatte Adusei (2nd place) and Keely McGrath (3rd place).

The competitive art show was the community project of the Anna Neighbors Academy 2022 Fall cohort alumni. The alums sought to create an event to engage Anna students and to build a public art collection within the Municipal Complex.

All 2D art mediums and materials were welcome, including pens, pencils, markers, paints, oils, charcoal, watercolors, canvas, paper and more. Community representatives, including local artist Jeff Reece, Anna Middle School teacher Lindsey Goodman, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission member Elijah Nelms, and Anna Neighbor Academy alumni Curtis Sretchen judged the artwork.

"I was impressed with the artwork submitted by our talented Anna High School students. It is wonderful to see our community cultivating their creativity and celebrating the arts," said Jeff Reece.

The winning pieces will be recognized at the upcoming Council meeting on Feb. 28 and displayed in public spaces of the Municipal Complex, 120 W. 7th St., for the year.

For more information about the Anna Neighbor Academy and community projects, visit www.annatexas.gov/academy. Registration for the Spring cohort ends on March 17.

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About ANNA

Anna, Texas, is among the fastest-growing cities in North Texas, with a population of more than 21,000 and expected growth to 100,000 by 2050. Located in northern Collin County along U.S Highway 75, State Highway 5, and State Highway 121, Anna is a vibrant and emerging city that offers its neighbors an excellent quality of life and low cost of living. The combination of Anna's strategic location along busy thoroughfares and the quantity of undeveloped land have positioned the city as an attractive location for retail and commercial establishments. Neighbors enjoy recreational opportunities, parks, trails, open spaces, easy access to the DFW and Red River corridors and a pace of living that offers a hometown feel in a thriving community. To learn more about the City of Anna, visit www.annatexas.gov.

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