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MAWSS to Recognize Winners of “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest at Art Walk

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) will **recognize the winners of the sixth annual “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest during the Art Walk, Friday, August 10, at 6:15 p.m., in Cathedral Square.** The contest asked kids and teens to paint a watercolor of their favorite summer activity involving water. The 260 entries displayed in June at Bel Air Mall were judged by Shelby Mitchell from WKSJ, Angela Martin from WPMI NBC15 and Dr. Paul W. Richelson from the Mobile Museum of Art.

This year’s overall winner was again from Theodore High School. Tori Daniels, 18, will receive a \$250 gift card from Bel Air Mall for her untitled painting of a young girl swimming under water. Her art teacher, Christy LeGros, will receive a matching prize.

Karen Thomas, 17, from Cottage Hill Christian Academy is the winner in the 17-18 year age group for her work titled, *The Snorkeler’s Surprise*. Desiraye McKeel, 15, also of Theodore High School, won the 15-16 age group for her painting, *Boogie Boarding Blondie*. Madeline Knizley, 13, from Dunbar Magnet School is the winner in the 11-14 year age group for *A Day on the Beach*. Sarah Kennedy, 9, of Little Flower Catholic School won the 6-10 year age group for *The Three Masked Divers*. Winners for each age group will receive a \$100 gift card from the Mall. In addition, all winning artwork will hang in MAWSS’ Catherine Street lobby for the public to enjoy over the next year.

The “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest was developed to educate area youth about the importance clean water plays in our daily lives.

“This year’s entries depicted a wide variety of activities, from deep sea diving to splashing in the pool. All of these activities require clean water,” said Barbara Shaw, MAWSS Public Affairs Manager. “We hope this artwork inspires everyone to do their part to keep our waters clean.”

The winning artwork can be viewed on the MAWSS website, www.mawss.com under the heading, “What’s New at MAWSS”.

Note to editors: In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in Space 301.