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MAWSS Announces Winners of “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) is pleased to announce the winners of the sixth annual “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest. The contest asked kids and teens to paint a watercolor of their favorite summer activity involving water. The 260 entries were displayed at Bel Air Mall where celebrity judges, Shelby Mitchell from WKSJ, Angela Martin from WPMI NBC15 and Dr. Paul W. Richelson from the Mobile Museum of Art, selected the winners.

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

Karen Thomas, 17, of Cottage Hill Christian Academy was the winner in the 17-18 year age group for her work titled, “The Snorkeler’s Surprise”, Desiraye McKeel, 15, from 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 at 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 high degree of talent and a wide variety of activities, from playing in the surf, to deep sea diving and canoeing on the river. 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”.