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Paper Windows Public Exhibition **Set for May 9 at Viking Hall**



The Paper Windows project has come to a close and now a major exhibition is being planned for the photographers and the community. Thirty-six photos representing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be on display in the lobby of Viking Hall Civic Center on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. There is no charge for entry. “It is important to showcase the work of so many individuals who participated in this great endeavor. Almost 80 individuals took time to go out into the community and share with the rest of the world what Bristol looks like to them through the lens of a camera. It was amazing,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations for the city.

The project began in March 2012, with the intention of collecting photos of the people of Bristol, its landmarks, its heritage and its natural beauty. There were minimal rules in order to keep the project simple and allow everyone of all ages and levels of photographic experience the opportunity to participate.

The results were overwhelming, almost 300 photos were entered. Twelve first place winners were selected by a three judge panel. A second and third place winner was chosen in each of the sessions as well.

The city’s Facebook page was also utilized as a judge. Anyone with a Facebook page could vote on their favorite photo in every session. Those votes were taken into account during the judging process.

Paper Windows was a year-long labor of love for city staff. The project was undertaken with some apprehension. “This was a major project that involved a lot of moving parts for a long period of time. At some point just about everyone on the staff played a part in seeing it to fruition,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations. The photos will be used throughout the city, in reports, in city buildings, and in artistic ways throughout the community.

An overall winner will be unveiled at the exhibition. The winner will receive a cash prize from the co-sponsor of the project The Twin City Photo Club.

A calendar featuring the twelve first place winners will be available at the exhibition and at other times in the Viking Hall Box Office located at 1100 Edgemont Ave. or by calling the box office at 423-764-0188 one may be charged to a credit card and mailed.

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