

**New River Art '03**  
**Awards Announced**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2003, 5:30 PM**

Over 50 onlookers ringed the second floor gallery of Radford's Bondurant Center, amid 45 works by 26 artists that comprise this year's New River Art Exhibition. Juror Charles Goolsby, Art Department Chair at Emory and Henry College, prefaced his announcement of winners saying "there are many significant works included in this show that would be successful in a nationally juried show. I am most impressed with the personal vision and levels of risk demonstrated by these artists."



Blacksburg Artist Robert Graham received the Best in Show award for his work entitled "*Martyr*." (pictured at right)

The remaining award recipients were:

Tom Pallante	Radford	<i>Drawing Bullets</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Allison Pack	Bristol, TN	<i>Ltl' Business Suit</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Leslye Bloom	Blacksburg	<i>And Then We Were One</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Marvin Tadlock	Bristol, VA	<i>If It Flies Like A Duck</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Sally Mook	Blacksburg	<i>Measuring Love's Worth</i>	Honorable #1
Richard Bay	Radford	<i>Believe Me NOW!</i>	Honorable #2
Ed Biggar	Draper	<i>Little Miracles Beyond the Plasma</i>	Honorable #3
Susan Bidwell	Huddleston	<i>Up or Down</i>	Honorable #4

These awards were made possible through generous community support by:

- Blacksburg Regional Art Association
- Coffee Mill
- Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley
- Miller Off Main Street Galleries
- Mish Mish
- National Bank of Blacksburg
- Precision Glass
- Dick Blick Art's Supply
- Cheap Joe's Art Stuff
- Artist's Choice Framing
- Blue Mountain Framing
- Harmony Works
- Wal-Mart, Fairlawn

*New River Art '03* Juried Exhibition remains on display through December 13, 2003 at the Bondurant Center, downtown Radford. The show is also on-line at <http://www.braa.arts.bev.net/>. It is a biennial juried exhibition, open to artists over 18 living within a 100 mile radius of the sponsors: The Blacksburg, Regional Art Association, the Fine Art Center of the New River Valley, and Radford University.