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NEW RIVER ART AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Blacksburg, VA-Award winners were recently announced for New River Art 2007, a biennial juried fine arts exhibition now on display in Perspective Gallery in Squires Student Center at Virginia Tech.

The *Best in Show* award (sponsored by Mish Mish), went to **Nancy M. Stark**.

Jane Winders Frank received the *Nadine Allen Memorial Award*.

Pete Hellmann received the *photography* award sponsored by Dr. Barry Wolfe.

Awards of Distinction went to **Carolyn S. Deck, David Eakin, Frieda Post, Clare Sieffert, Leslye Bloom, Jennifer Spoon,** and **John Shuptrine** and were sponsored by Dr. Stephen Jacobs, Miller off Main Galleries, the Studio School, First National Bank, and Zeppoli's.

Merit Awards were presented to **Suzun Hughes, Molly Jones, Patricia Bevan,** and **Susan R. Bidwell**. Sponsors were the Montgomery Miller Museum, Wildflour Café, Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, and PFS Photo.

The competition was open to artists living within a 150-mile radius of Blacksburg, Floyd, or Pulaski. The exhibition will be on display through **December 7**, and visitors may place their nominations for the *People's Choice Award*.

The show's juror was Susan Ruddick Bloom, professor and chair of the Department of Art and Art History at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, and author of the book, *Digital Collage and Painting*.

Major sponsors for the exhibition were the Blacksburg Regional Art Association, the Jacksonville Center for the Arts, and the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley.

For more information or to view the entries, visit the Blacksburg Regional Art Association's Web site at:

<http://www.braa.arts.bev.net/>.

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