

America 250 Patriotic Art Contest winners named

Local middle school students shared their creativity and patriotism through the Alexander County America 250 Patriotic Art Contest. An opening reception for the art exhibit was held on Thursday, May 7, at the Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center's Lucas Mansion.

Students from East Alexander Middle School and West Alexander Middle School were recognized for their outstanding artwork

reflecting America's history. From East Alexander Middle School:

- Audrey Williams – 1st place
- Natalie Dionicio-Silva – 2nd place
- Stormie Bureson – 3rd place
- Victoria Badillo-Aguilar – honorable mention

From West Alexander Middle School:

- Grace Lee – 1st place
- Lucy Deal – 2nd place

• Alexa Magano-Tenorio – 3rd place

• Maddie Heimbach – honorable mention

First-place winners received \$100, second-place winners earned \$50, and third-place winners received \$30.

The art exhibit is open to the public through May 21.

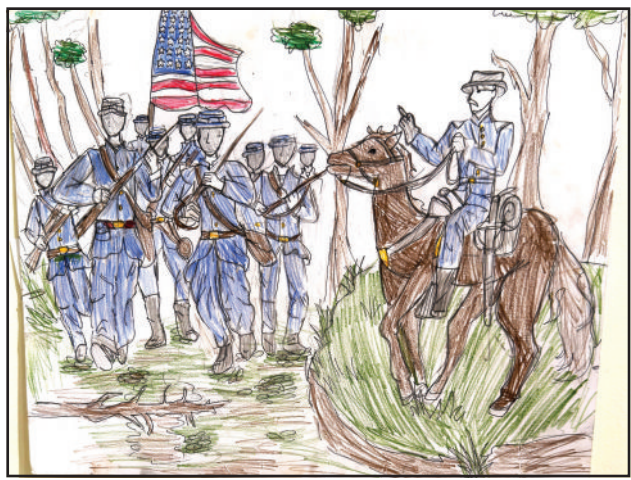
Special thanks to the Alexander County America 250 Committee, Alexander County Schools, and the Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center for supporting this celebration of student creativity and patriotism.



Lucy Deal, Second Place winner from West Alexander Middle School, is shown with her entry in the Alexander County America 250 Patriotic Art Contest.



This artwork by Grace Lee won First Place among West Alexander Middle School entries in the Alexander County America 250 Patriotic Art Contest.



This artwork by Alexa Magano-Tenorio was Third Place winner among West Alexander Middle School entries in the Alexander County America 250 Patriotic Art Contest.



Maddie Heimbach took Honorable Mention among West Alexander Middle School entries in the Alexander County America 250 Patriotic Art Contest. She is shown with her entry.



DERBY DAY LUNCHEON HELD AT SENIOR CENTER — The Alexander Senior Center sponsored a Derby Day luncheon for senior citizens at the senior site at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church. The 56 attendees wore creative versions of Derby hats and enjoyed a meal sponsored by Brookdale Falling Creek and Taylorsville House. Pictured above, left to right: front row – Paulette Huffman, Betty Hollar, Jenny Alrutz, and Carolyn Speagle; back row – Mary Jane Shook, Jean Sylvester, Ann Sigmon, Sarah Moretz, Vicki Martin (in the back), Alice Kirby, Pinkie Dennie, and Carolyn Wilcox. Bethlehem area seniors are invited to enjoy programming by the Alexander Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. A schedule of programs may be reviewed in the Senior Connection, at the Senior Center website, <https://alexandercountync.gov/senior-center/>.

Beth. Community Sing set for May 17

The churches of the Bethlehem Community will join in another of their series of Sunday Evening Community Gospel Sings at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at the Bethlehem Church of God, 351 B & S Lane (former Promised Land Ministries site).

For the past dozen years, these special musical celebrations have been sponsored by the Bethlehem Ministerial Association three times each year, and have proven to be popular among the Christian churches.

The format includes a few congregational songs, plus two or three special musical selections from each church represented. A special offering received during the evening assists the Bethlehem Benevolent Fund, which annually helps folks in the Bethlehem community with rent, utilities, food, etc. in the name of Jesus during their time of acute need. Last year over \$13,000 was designated for this purpose.

The program on May 17 will be lively and fast moving, and promises to be a time of inspiration, praise, and rich fellowship for all people of Christian faith. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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