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Las Cruces Museum of Art Announces "From the Ground Up" Awards

"From the Ground Up XXIV," a regional, juried exhibition of contemporary ceramics is currently on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The Las Cruces Museum of Art and The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces are pleased to announce the following honors awarded to participating artists, as selected by juror Blair Meerfeld:

Best of Show to Suzanne Kane for "Place I've Been"

1st Place to Sara DeAlessandro for "Imbrohlio"

Museum of Art Purchase Award to Steve Hilton for "Crossbedding in Brown"

Museum of Art Purchase Award to Pete Wysong for "Armadillo Dreaming"

2nd Place to Sara Ransford for "Revealed"

3rd Place to Trevor Dunn for "Block Gear & Cantaro"

Best Utilitarian Ceramic Award to Johanna Powell for "Liquor Set"

New Mexico Potters and Clay Association Award to Kristin Thatcher for "Ravens"

Aaron Gara Award to Klyf Brown for "Walker"

Award of Excellence, sponsored by Dr.'s Kimberly and Scott Martin, to Brian Molanphy for "Cup"

Honorable Mention, sponsored by Paragon, to Katherine Taylor for "Land Body 1"

Honorable Mention, sponsored by Bank of the Rio Grande, to Janice Cook for "Tell Me Not in Mournful Numbers"

Honorable Mention, Mayco Glaze Award, to Leslie Lent for "Sonofu Pot"

Honorable Mention, Mayco Glaze Award, to Nancy Phillips for "2 Faced King"

Additionally, museum visitors were asked to vote for their piece of artwork in order to select the People's Choice Award. Congratulations to Las Cruces resident Walter Castro, who won for his sculpture "Second Language: Segundo Idioma." A special thanks to all the artists, representing the five states of the Rocky Mountain Region, for participating. "From the Ground Up XXIV" will be on display through Saturday, November 7th.

Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main Street, at the north end of the downtown mall. Exhibits are accessible and free of charge. For information, call (575) 541-2137 or visit the website www.museums.las-cruces.org.