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BISHOP INVITES STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN ART CONTEST

Winner to Display Work in US Capitol, Receive \$10,000 Art Scholarship

Coram, NY—Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) has invited high school art students throughout his congressional district to participate in the 22nd annual Congressional Art Competition. The winner of the competition will have his or her work displayed in a year-long exhibit in the U.S. Capitol and will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to study art at Southampton College of Long Island University.

Bishop's office has sent an invitation to compete in the competition to all high schools in the 1st Congressional District. The contest is open to all sophomore, junior and senior high school students in Brookhaven, Smithtown and the five East End towns.

“The Congressional Art Contest is a wonderful opportunity to identify and encourage our nation's talented young artists,” Bishop said. “It provides a showcase for their talent and continues Long Island's rich artistic heritage. And I would like to thank Southampton College for their generous scholarship that will help our young artists develop their creative talents while they receive a college education.”

In addition to the prize for the winner, the competition will give talented art students the opportunity to have their work shown in a two-week exhibit in Suffolk County that will be curated by the East End Arts Council. The competition will be judged by Sandi Woessner, owner of the Blue Door Gallery in Riverhead, and Southampton College art professors Neill Slaughter and Paul Eastup.

Students interested in entering work should contact their art teachers or principals. Work must be submitted to the East End Arts Council office at 133 East Main Street in Riverhead by April 8. The office is open from Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The contact is Liz Malunowicz at 727-0900 or e-mail her at gallery@eastendarts.org.

The winner will be announced during a reception on Monday, April 28 at 7 pm in the Avram Gallery at Southampton College. All participating artists, their families, and teachers are invited to attend that reception, where Bishop will recognize each student before announcing the winner.

Since the Congressional Art Competition debuted in 1982, members of the U.S. House of Representatives have conducted nearly 5,000 art competitions involving more than 650,000 high school students. Those interested in participating should contact Jane Finalborgo in Congressman Bishop's District office in Coram at 696-6500 or in Southampton at 631-259-8450.

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