

Mankato, MN – Today, Congressman Tim Walz announced the winners of the 2012 Congressional Art Competition.

“It is an honor to announce Christina Gile, a student at Winona High School, as the winner of this year’s competition,” said Walz. “This is a unique competition that provides the opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of southern Minnesota students and acknowledge our nation’s gifted young artists.”

1st Place – Christina Gile, Grade 12, Winona HS, parents - Bert and Sabrina Gile, “The Mist-ery”, watercolor, art teacher - Ann Wistrill

2nd Place – Karli Moger, Grade 10, Lewiston-Altura HS, parents - Paul and Terri Moger, “Look At Me” photograph, art teacher - Kimberly Moe

3rd Place- Chris Hansen, Grade 10, Winona HS, parents – John and Cari Hansen, “Boat Houses on the Mississippi” watercolor, art teacher - Ann Wistrill

The 1st place winner and a guest will be invited to a reception at the Capitol Visitor Center in Washington DC on June 20th. The winning work from each Congressional district is displayed in an 11 month exhibit in the Cannon tunnel that leads to the U.S. Capitol.

The 2nd and 3rd place winner will be displayed in the Walz district offices.

Initiated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982, the event is a nationwide annual art competition that allows high schools students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories to showcase their artistic ability.

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