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U.S. CONGRESSMAN TIM BISHOP ANNOUNCES STUDENT ART CONTEST AT SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EASTERN CAMPUS FROM APRIL 7-10

Riverhead, NY - Congressman Tim Bishop has announced that this year's annual Congressional Art Competition will take place April 7–10, 2011 at the Lyceum Gallery in the newly constructed Montaukett Learning Resource Center at Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus in Riverhead. The presentation of awards to competition winners will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Lyceum Gallery.

This marks the thirtieth anniversary of the nationwide competition that showcases the work of outstanding high school art students and acknowledges gifted young artists. The First Congressional District's exhibit will once again be curated by the East End Arts Council (EEAC), which will also select the judges.

The winner of the NY-01 competition will have his or her artwork hung in a year-long exhibit on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and will be invited to attend a ribbon-cutting reception along with other winners from around the country. Last year, 20 students from 12 high schools in the First Congressional District participated in the competition. An untitled photograph by East Hampton High School's Megan Farnham won first prize.

Up to four students from each high school in the district are eligible to enter the contest. Homeschooled students may also enter the contest. Art teachers who wish to enter works in the contest should call Jane Finalborgo in Congressman Bishop's Southampton office at 259-8450 or e-mail jane.finalborgo@mail.house.gov.

The Lyceum Gallery will adhere to the following schedule during the competition:

Thursday, April 7th - 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m. Friday, April 8th - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9th - 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Awards Presentation 2 :00 p.m.to 4:00 p.m.)

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