CONGRESSMAN TRENT KELLY 1ST DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

2020 CONGRESSIONAL

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our congressional district. This competition, known as *An Artistic Discovery*, is open to all high school students in the 1st District. The overall winner of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other contest winners nationwide.

This year, the art will be displayed and juried by Blue Mountain College. In addition to the overall **"Best of Show"** winner there will be Honorable Mention winners. Honorable Mentions will be displayed in Congressman Kelly's Capitol Hill office and District office for one year. **Winners** will be awarded Thursday, April 23, 2020 at **5:00 p.m.** with a reception at Union County Heritage Museum, 114 Cleveland Street, New Albany, MS 38652.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020.

For entry forms, please contact Melinda Whited at the contact information below. Artwork and entry forms must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Farmington District Office

4135 County Road 200 Corinth, MS 38834 662-687-1525

Tupelo District Office

431 West Main Street Tupelo, MS 38804 662-687-1525

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 26 inches by 26 inches (including the frame) and may be up to 4 inches in depth. All entries must be an original in concept, design and execution.

The artwork may be any of the following:

Paintings

oil, acrylics, and watercolor

Drawings

pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers

Collage

Prints lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints

Mixed Media Computer Generated Art Photography

Note: Students who are unable to transport their artwork to the district office are encouraged to contact Congressman Kelly's District Field Representative, Melinda Whited, at **melinda.whited@mail.house.gov** or **662-687-1525**, no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**. Melinda Whited will make arrangements to pick-up the artwork and transport it to the museum.

