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**Township's Arts in the Park event welcomes spring with art and entertainment**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 21, 2022) – Residents and visitors to The Woodlands enjoyed a beautiful spring day enhanced with a variety of entertainment and a youth art contest at Arts in the Park on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Northshore Park in The Woodlands. The event was produced by The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Dance entertainment from three different youth groups from Cypress Elite Dance kicked off the event, and musical performances from Amado J. Garcia and The Skittles added to the festive atmosphere of a park filled with arts and crafts vendors.

A youth art contest also featured a variety of submissions from young artists up to age 18. The theme of this year's contest was *Favorite Place to Visit in The Woodlands*.

In the age group 7 and under, awards were earned by:

- First Place: Olivia Wang
- Second Place: Landree Smith
- Third Place: Alessandra Cardenas

In the age group 8 to 12 years, award recipients were:

- First Place: Manjushri Rane
- Second Place: Clay Sholes
- Third Place: Serene Huang

In the 13- to 18-year-old category, awards were earned by:

- First Place: Anna Kakadjian
- Second Place: Lea Hythier
- Third Place: Ellie Nelson

"It's always such an inspiration to see what young artists have created, especially with this event always featuring something about The Woodlands and how it's viewed from different perspectives," said Township Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs.



For more information on Arts in the Park and the many events produced by The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year, please visit the Parks and Recreation pages on the Township website at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/parksandrecreation](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/parksandrecreation). [View more photos](#) from this year's event.



*The Township's Arts in the Park event welcomed the spring season with a day of art and entertainment at Northshore Park in The Woodlands. Pictured, left to right, Township Board Director Jason J. Nelson, Secretary Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, first-place award recipient Anna Kakadjian and Visit The Woodlands President and Township Director of Community Relations Nick Wolda.*