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Fair Has Fine Arts Too

PUEBLO, Colo. – You know the Colorado State Fair has hay, funnel cake and horses. But it also has the annual Fine Arts Exhibition with competitions by amateur and professional artists. This year, the show has everything from steampunk jewelry to oil paintings to a steel sculpture.

Colorado artists entered more than 900 pieces of art to be considered for the 2013 show. A panel of jurors selected 624 works by 321 artists to be displayed in the Fine Arts Building during the run of the Fair.

The Fine Arts Exhibition is one of the longest running and finest traditions of the Colorado State Fair. The popular and prestigious part of the annual event showcases original artwork by Colorado residents.

This year, the *Best of Show* award for the Emerging Student/Artists category was given to Sandy Wells of Pueblo for her work “Saqaishiki-golden threads.” Jurors also awarded 14 *Juror’s Choice* awards for the amateur division.

In the Professional category, Ken and Tina Riesterer of Manitou Springs, won the *Best of Show* award with their work, “Gallopig Graces.” There were five *Juror’s Choice* awards in the Professional category.

ATTACHED ART:

- Jewelry photo is “Weed Pod” jewelry submission by Ron Burnham of Penrose.
- Child photo is of painting “Jenna Li Sheung” by Lauren Domnik of Colorado Springs.
- Photos courtesy of John Wark Photography.

The Colorado State Fair runs from August 23 – September 2, 2013. For more information, visit www.coloradostatefair.com.

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The 2013 Colorado State Fair will mark the Fair's 141st year as Colorado's premier celebration of agriculture. The Fairgrounds provides nearly \$34 million in economic activity to Colorado throughout the year; \$29 million of that activity is driven by the annual State Fair event. In addition to showcasing Colorado agriculture, the annual event features one of the country's largest traveling carnivals, artwork, crafts, food competitions, thrilling rodeo action, a wide variety of food and merchandise booths and a Fiesta Day honoring Colorado's ties to the Hispanic culture.