

HEARD MUSEUM GUILD

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AMERICAN INDIAN  
**YOUTH  
ART**

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SHOW + SALE

MARCH 7 & 8, 2026

**BEST OF SHOW**

*A Day With Shimasani (Grandma)*

Aiden Kahn

Navajo



heard museum

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all the students and teachers who are participating in the **2026 Youth Art Show & Sale**.

**Students** - You are amazing! We support your artistic endeavors.

**Teachers** - We recognize the time and energy you put into advancing the next generation of artists, who happen to be Native American. Keep up your noble work! We are here to support you.

**Mike Betker**, Heard Museum Guild Youth Art Show & Sale Chair

**Marilynn Sadowski**, Heard Museum Guild Youth Art Coordinator

**Kathie McLissac**, Receiving

**Roxanne Eklund**, Staging

**Stephany Madsen**, Judging

**Marilynn Sadowski**, On-Campus Notecard Sales

**Pat Kilburn and Rita Baker**, Wholesale Notecard Sales

**The over 50 Volunteers and Heard Museum staff members** who make this event a success.

## JUDGES

Larissa Curtis

Paul Piazza

Valerie Piazza

Lili Chester

R.J. Payestewa-Daugherty

V. Lynn Endorf

Alexis Cosca

Mary Endorf

Connie Thornton

## YOUTH ART SHOW & SALE SUPPORTERS

### EVENT SPONSOR

Susan Orr, in memory of William Orr and Tyler Orr

### BEST OF SHOW

David & Jo Van Denburgh, in memory of Betty Van Denburgh

### BEST OF DIVISION

(GRADES 7-9 & GRADES 10-12)

David & Jo Van Denburgh, in memory of Betty Van Denburgh

### INNOVATION AWARD

Deirdre & Jim Mercurio

### NATIVE SPIRIT AWARD

Heard Advancement/Development/ Membership Team

### CHAIR'S CHOICE

Anonymous  
Susan Sherbocker

### JUDGE'S CHOICE

Nancy & Dean Graves (3)  
Ann Julin  
Zora McClendon  
Mary Rowland

### STEPHENSON-HOLROYD TEACHER RECOGNITION AWARD

Anonymous

### FRIENDS OF THE YOUTH ART SHOW & SALE

The Carters  
Terry & Debbie Damron  
Ann Julin  
Susan Orr, in memory of William Orr and Tyler Orr  
Valerie & Paul Piazza  
Mary Lou Pope

### GRADES 7-9

#### 1ST PLACE

Deirdre & Jim Mercurio (13)

#### 2ND PLACE

Andrew Brewer (2)  
Susan & Appy Chandler  
Nancy & Dean Graves (2)  
Michael & Spencer Gregg  
Dr. Linda J. Gruber  
Mary Hagerty  
Cindy Helentjaris  
Stash & Michele Jarocki  
Jackie Stubbs  
Pat Wainwright  
Claire Warshaw

#### 3RD PLACE

Cerelle Bolon  
Susan & Appy Chandler  
Ann Julin (9)  
Tom & Jan Lathrop  
Claire Warshaw

### GRADES 10-12

#### 1ST PLACE

Deirdre & Jim Mercurio (13)

#### 2ND PLACE

Andrew Brewer (2)  
Susan & Appy Chandler  
Terry & Debbie Damron  
Nancy & Dean Graves (5)  
Stash & Michele Jarocki  
Jan & Mike McAdams  
John Paris  
Claire Warshaw

#### 3RD PLACE

Cerelle Bolon (3)  
Susan & Appy Chandler  
Nancy & Dean Graves (2)  
Ann Julin (6)  
Claire Warshaw

## PURCHASING A PIECE OF STUDENT ARTWORK— WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Each piece of artwork is priced by the student artist and made available for sale during the show. Students receive 80% of the paid price. The remaining 20% stays with the Heard Museum Guild Youth Art Program to provide grants to teachers for art supplies and to support all other activities involved with youth art programs.

Contact [youthart@heardguild.org](mailto:youthart@heardguild.org) for more information on our programs.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### Best of Show - Any Division

Aiden Kahn  
Navajo  
*A Day With Shimasani (Grandma)*

### Best of Division 1

Aiden Kahn  
Navajo  
*A Day With Shimasani (Grandma)*

### Best of Division 2

Merlana Natewq  
Zuni  
*Large Traditional Olla*

### Judge's Choice - Alexis Cosca

Payton Davis  
Navajo  
*Downtown*

### Judge's Choice - Connie Thornton

Naats Tia'a  
Tlinget Aleut  
*Soul Food- Rattle Top Basket*

### Judge's Choice - Larissa Curtis

Alex Boone  
Zuni  
*Zuni Serpent*

### Judge's Choice - Lili Chester

Aydrian Day  
Ho Chunk Nation  
*Mazaska Win*

### Judge's Choice - Lynn Endorf

Damien Bunch  
Pascua Yaqui  
*Deer*

### Judge's Choice - Mary Endorf

Adainya Bull Coming  
Cheyenne  
*Cheyenne Proud*

### Judge's Choice - Paul Piazza

Ezekiel Littlesky  
Navajo  
*Born Activist*

### Judge's Choice - R.J. Payestewa-Daugherty

Elihanna Kills on Top  
Cheyenne  
*Cheyenne Women's Moccasins*

### Judge's Choice - Valerie Piazza

Christopher Nez  
Navajo  
*Cedar Flute*

### Chair's Choice - Marilyn Sadowski

Deshawn Soseeah  
Zuni  
*Dragonfly Offering Bowl*

### Chair's Choice - Michael Betker

Angel Blackhair  
Zuni Pueblo  
*Matsasi/Seven Cities of Cibola*

### Innovation Award

Darrius Joe  
White Mountain Apache  
*Apache Sunrise*

### Native Spirit Award

Marley Dallas  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa  
*Honor Who You Are*

## DIVISION 1 AWARDS

### BASKETS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Naats Tia'a  
Tlinget Aleut  
*Soul Food- Rattle Top Basket*

### BEADWORK

**Blue Ribbon**  
Ellonie Medicine Bull  
Cheyenne/Crow  
*The Beauty Bag*

### Red Ribbon

Shy Miller  
Navajo  
*Beaded Medallion Necklace*

### White Ribbon

Latisha Medicine Bull  
Cheyenne  
*Cheyenne Woman Necessity Bag*

### COLLAGE & MIXED MEDIA

**Blue Ribbon**  
Jenessey Little Bird  
Northern Cheyenne  
*Coyote*

### Red Ribbon

Carla Valenzuela  
Pascua Yaqui  
*The Renado Con Flores*

### White Ribbon

Kanani Yazzie  
Navajo  
*Theia*

### COMPUTER GENERATED ART

**Blue Ribbon**  
Chamish 'Ashoyn Duro  
Kupa (PBM), Tongva (SGBMI)  
*Two Worlds Converge*

### CULTURAL ITEMS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Christopher Nez  
Navajo  
*Cedar Flute*

### Red Ribbon

Elihanna Kills on Top  
Cheyenne  
*Cheyenne Women's Moccasins*

### DRAWINGS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Jolyon Smith  
Navajo  
*untitled*

### Red Ribbon

Halle MiKieila Little Coyote  
Northern Cheyenne  
*Seated Man*

### White Ribbon

Alexander Silas  
Hopi  
*Powamuya*

### GRAPHICS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Shayla Ellison  
Navajo  
*Rug Design*

### Red Ribbon

Kansas Hatathle  
Navajo  
*Bear Paw*

### White Ribbon

Cheyland Horseroads  
Northern Cheyenne  
*Waves of Faith*

## JEWELRY & LAPIDARY

### Blue Ribbon

Cashton Curley  
Navajo  
*No More Silence*

### PAINTINGS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Aiden Kahn  
Navajo  
*A Day With Shimasani (Grandma)*  
**Red Ribbon**  
Eli Masayestewa  
Navajo/Hopi  
*Beauty of a Warrior*

### White Ribbon

Kendal Nelson  
Navajo  
*Cosmic Thoughts*

### PHOTOGRAPHS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Shikeykah Torres  
Navajo  
*Beauty is Deceiving-Lost Dutchman State Park*

### Red Ribbon

Payton Edaakie  
Zuni Pueblo  
*Journey Of The Waters*

### White Ribbon

Izabelle Carmelo  
Akimel O'odham  
*The Heart of Making Bread*

### POTTERY

**Blue Ribbon**  
Lucida Scott  
Northern Cheyenne  
*Flower Pot*

### Red Ribbon

Mary Taylor  
Apache/Quechan  
*Grandmother ShiWaye*

### White Ribbon

Khaliyah Schilling  
Miccosukee  
*Seminole Doll*

## WEAVINGS & TEXTILES

### Blue Ribbon

Alyanna Lee  
Navajo  
*Shashbelt*

## DIVISION 2 AWARDS

### BASKETS

**White Ribbon**  
Xipharah Yelly  
Quechan  
*Kwanox Xavashvqvqwis*

### BEADWORK

**Blue Ribbon**  
Aydrian Day  
Ho Chunk Nation  
*Midaaswe shi Ngodaaswe*

### Red Ribbon

Hayden Robbins  
Cherokee Nation  
*Aquvsaa analasgtsaa ageyutsa (my dancing girl)*

### White Ribbon

Paxon Bearcomesout  
Cheyenne/Crow  
*Cheyenne Buffalo Trail Bag*

### COLLAGE & MIXED MEDIA

**Blue Ribbon**  
Analis Thomas  
Navajo  
*Walking In Beauty*

### Red Ribbon

Ezekiel Littlesky  
Navajo  
*Born Activist*

### White Ribbon

Gavin Moore  
Navajo  
*The Solar Soul*

### COMPUTER GENERATED ART

**Blue Ribbon**  
Orion Begay  
Tohono O'odham/Navajo  
*Flames of a Feather*

### Red Ribbon

Lenise Ish  
Navajo  
*Man & Woman*

### CULTURAL ITEMS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Aydrian Day  
Ho Chunk Nation  
*Mazaska Win*

### Red Ribbon

Jalen Taho  
Hopi/Diné  
*Sahkwa Hote*

### White Ribbon

Tahtanna Stewart  
Northern Cheyenne/Arapaho  
*Four Tsistsostas women waiting for social dancing*

### DRAWINGS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Tino Dennis  
Hopi  
*Kwahu (Eagle)*

### Red Ribbon

LA Damian Polingyumptewa  
Hopi  
*Heheya Katsinum*

### White Ribbon

Marley Dallas  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa  
*Honor Who You Are*

### GRAPHICS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Amare AJ Long Sioux  
Northern Cheyenne  
*City Lights*

### Red Ribbon

Kailyn Roselie Ozuna  
Pascua Yaqui  
*Fox & The Hare*

### White Ribbon

Mikayla Redhorse  
Navajo  
*Home*

### JEWELRY & LAPIDARY

**Blue Ribbon**  
Mary Helen Brown  
Navajo  
*k'aalógii*

### Red Ribbon

Kaycee Blackrock  
Navajo/Diné  
*Sand-cast Brooch*

### White Ribbon

Kristen Charley  
Navajo  
*Navajo Basket*

### PAINTINGS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Theodore Bremer Bennett  
Navajo  
*Toyota Pick-Up*

### Red Ribbon

Leonna Slim  
Navajo  
*Na'asho'ii dich'izhii*

### Nathan George

Hopi  
*Early Morning Sunrise*

### White Ribbon

Cristian Parrell  
Cherokee Nation  
*Rider of Good Medicine*

### Ibinijah Guerro

Navajo  
*Feeling Watched*

### PHOTOGRAPHS

**Blue Ribbon**  
Jayden Holtsoi-Henry  
Navajo  
*Object in the Night Sky*

### Red Ribbon

Glenn Laurence  
Navajo  
*Arch in Winter*

### White Ribbon

Anais Martinez  
Akimel O'odham  
*Silent Stone Beneath a Half Moon*

### POTTERY

**Blue Ribbon**  
Merlana Natewq  
Zuni  
*Large Traditional Olla*

### Red Ribbon

Andruw Leekela  
Zuni  
*The Aquifer*

### Jazlynn Johnson

Zuni  
*Zuni Woman's Traditional Attire*

### White Ribbon

Anthony Kiyite  
Zuni  
*Zuni Water Jar*

### Dana Quandelacy

Zuni  
*Emergence of our people*

### SCULPTURE

**Blue Ribbon**  
Cante Nunpa Strong  
Sicangu Lakota  
*Iktomi at the Heard Museum*

### WEAVINGS & TEXTILES

**Blue Ribbon**  
Starlette Kevine  
Navajo  
*Three Feathers*

### Red Ribbon

Shiloh Henio  
Navajo  
*Songbird Silhouette*

### White Ribbon

Gabrielle Baca  
Zuni Pueblo  
*First Rain*