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**See the Best High School Art from Across the State with the VASE Gold Seal Exhibition,
Showing at *The Art Center* September 1 – 27th**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – *The Art Center of Corpus Christi* will present the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) Gold Seal Exhibition, September 1st – 27th in its gallery spaces. This premier exhibition represents 150 pieces of the best high school art from across the state.

VASE is a curriculum-based event available to academically eligible high school students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a Texas public or private school. The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) sponsors VASE and the Gold Seal Exhibition is the only event of its kind in the nation.

Students who participate in VASE create artwork in the classroom, which is taken to a juried event to be assessed on originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and the interpretation of the artists stated intent. Winning pieces progress to the State event, where they are farther juried. Those rated “superior” are awarded with Gold Medals and progress to the final stage of the competition. Select pieces from the pool of Gold Medal winners are coveted with the Gold Seal award and culminate in the TAEA VASE Gold Seal Exhibition.

The Art Center will collaborate with school districts to organize field trips to the VASE Gold Seal Exhibition. Participating districts include all five schools in the Corpus Christi Independent School District (King, Carroll, Ray, Miller and Moody High Schools), Callallen, Bishop, Tuloso-Midway, Flour Bluff, IWA, West Oso, Portland, Sinton, John Paul Catholic High School, Rockport, Aransas Pass, Robstown, Kingsville, Freer, Gregory Portland, Rivera, and Orange Grove. All secondary art students who visit the VASE Gold Seal Exhibition will get the opportunity to participate in TEKS related activities that require higher level thinking skills. *The Art Center* plans to use the VASE Gold Seal Exhibition as a catalyst to motivate students, through viewing the award winning work of their peers.

Also showing in *The Art Center's* gallery spaces is “Water Colour,” by Ann S. Adams. The show will feature a collection of watercolor paintings by Ann Adams, inspired by the saturated colors and luminous iridescence seen in the artist’s garden. Ann is a master at

transforming the splendor and essence of natural light, into colorful works of art. From within the microcosm her garden, Ann celebrates and captures the energy of light as a catalyst, which in combination with water and earth, results in nature's verdant growth to construct a visual metaphor of the paths we walk through life.

The community is invited to an opening reception at *The Art Center* for the VASE Gold Seal Exhibition and Ann S. Adam's "Water Colour" exhibit on Thursday, September 9th from 5 to 7 p.m. Both exhibitions will run from September 1st through 27th at *The Art Center*, located at 100 Shoreline Drive in the heart of Corpus Christi's bay front district. *The Art Center* is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM, with free admission. Call 884-6406 for more information or visit www.artcentercc.org.

The VASE Gold Seal Exhibit has been generously sponsored by the City of Corpus Christi's Arts and Cultural Commission.

About the Art Center of Corpus Christi

The Art Center of Corpus Christi (www.artcentercc.org <<http://www.artcentercc.org>>, (361) 884-6406) was founded as a community art center and 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization in 1972. "The Center" provides an environment for creative expression with educational programs and exhibition of the arts. Its facilities include eleven art organizations, five gallery spaces, and studio space for art classes. *The Art Center* is located at 100 Shoreline Drive on Corpus Christi's historic bay front. Its facilities are available for weddings, receptions, and special events. *The Art Center* has free admission and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Image Captions:

Images #1 – 3 – VASE winning pieces

For a complete list of images visit

http://www.billpogue.com/Vase_Gold_2010/index.html

Image #4 – Ann Adams "Water Colour"