

AWARDS: Honors went to a variety of artists in a variety of media

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pieces he entered in this year’s library exhibit. The second is named “Totem.”

Jackson entered “Blue Hour Reflection at Broken Top,” a photograph on metal of Broken Top and No Name Lake, shot in the “blue hour,” that hour after sunset but before it’s pitch dark.

The other two award-winners are Mike Stasko and collaborators Wendy Birnbaum and Susie Zeitner. All are from Sisters.

Stasko’s winner, “Juniper Flats,” is an original drawing made with soft colored pencils on rag board, and Birnbaum and Zeitner collaborated on “Morning Ride,” a photograph on metal enhanced with glass.

This is the first year that Stasko and Jackson have entered the annual exhibit, sponsored by Friends of the Sisters Library (FOSL). Birnbaum and Mathews have entered many times, and Mathews is a previous award-winner.

Jackson is a self-taught landscape photographer, an outdoor enthusiast for as long as he can remember. His passion in photography came about right after high school, when he was gifted a camera and began photographing nature. He shot “Blue Hour” on a chilly November camping trip with his girlfriend, Haley Moor.

“It was about 20 degrees with winds of 40 miles per hour,” he said.

Cold? You bet! The mountain seems to be floating on a glassy mirror, set in a star-spangled sky.

“It was right after the first good snow of this winter,” he said. “The lake is normally accessed from Todd Lake Road near Bend, but in winter, when that closes, you can access it from a 13-mile round-trip hike from Three Creeks (sic) Lake. Normally, the lake is pretty busy with people, but in winter, it is empty, so we had the lake to ourselves. The light on the mountain was provided by a three-quarters moon.”

Jackson shot the same scene at sunrise the next morning, and that image can be viewed on his website www.austinjamesjackson.com. His work is also available at Nature’s Bling in Sisters.

“This (award) was totally unexpected,” said Stasko. “There are any number of outstanding pieces that could have won. I picked this one because I’ve sold a lot of reproductions, and because I think it touches people.”

In his “Sunset Series,” Stasko explores the changing effect of light over distance, particularly at sunset. The locales are recognizable to those who travel or fish the Deschutes River.

Stasko has studied fine arts with an emphasis on drawing and intaglio and serigraphy printmaking techniques. But as a colored-pencil artist, he is completely self-taught.

“Morning Ride” is one of several photographs Birnbaum created while attending a photography workshop called “Dust ‘n Light,” in the hills near Paso Robles, California. After trying to present this series on paper or on canvas, she arrived at the ideal format – metal prints in a golden tone, off-center mounted on distressed and rusted steel plates. This photograph was

further enhanced with a three-dimensional application of glass rods and frit, and kiln-fired. Birnbaum worked with Sisters artist Susie Zeitner on this technique.

“The creative collaboration process is so enriching,” Birnbaum said.

“This (award) was just icing on the cake,” she said of her honor. “This show, in particular, is such a highlight, because it is open to anybody.”

Zeitner also has two works of her own in the library exhibit.

Mathews obtained his undergraduate degree in art at Montana State University, and an education degree at Eastern Washington University, followed by a master’s from Lewis & Clark College. After teaching art for several years in the Beaverton School District, he went on to get a doctorate in educational foundations from Oregon State, and then opened an alternative school for high-risk kids called Merlo Station, within the Beaverton District.

For the past 15 years, he’s volunteered in all art classes at Sisters High School.

His award-winner is a juniper slab finely planed to show off its natural grain, complete



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“Juniper Flats” by Mike Stasko (top), and “Morning Ride” by Wendy Birnbaum, collaborating with Suzie Meitner, hang in the community room.

with knots and swirls. He drew the image with felt-tip pen, right down to the tiny branch ends. He filled it in

with Prismacolor pencil. Embedded within the tree

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