

LightBox celebrates its sixth anniversary

'Plastic Fantastic Show VI' opens with reception Saturday

ASTORIA — LightBox Photographic Gallery celebrates its sixth anniversary with the opening and artist's reception of the "Plastic Fantastic Show VI" from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 13.

This annual group exhibit began with LightBox's love for images made with basic plastic "toy" film cameras and as a way to celebrate the gallery's anniversary each year. This method of photography has gained popularity because of the freedom of using cameras with less-than-perfect optics and control with unpredictable and sometimes extraordinarily beautiful results. A large number of photographers from around the world shoot images primarily with these basic cameras, creating unique photos that are captured on film.

Internationally renowned fine art photographer Susan Burnstine of Los Angeles once again juried the exhibit. Burnstine uses homemade cameras consisting of plastic lenses and vintage camera and household parts. She has become a highly acclaimed photographic artist shooting with film and using rudimentary cameras of her own design.

"It was my great honor to act as juror for the Plastic Fantastic exhibit for the fifth time. Each consecutive year, submissions become more interesting, and this year was no exception," said Burnstine. "Perhaps what I love the most about curating this show is having the pleasure of viewing new work from a number of Plastic Fantastic regular exhibitors, including two of this year's award winners: Jim Rohan and Amy Fichter. Congratulations to all the artists who had work selected for this year's exhibit and heartfelt applause to everyone who submitted work."

This year, Nathan Cordova from Oakland, California, received the juror's top award for the image "Banal;" Jim Rohan of Wakefield, Massachusetts, received the second juror's



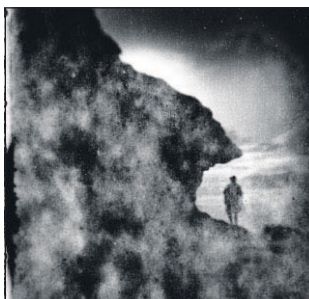
Submitted photo by Nathan Cordova

"Banal" by Nathan Cordova won first place.

award for "Around the Bend;" Ying Jung Lucky Lu from San Francisco, California, won the third award for "Here and Not Here;" and Amy Fichter from Menomonie, Wisconsin, along with Richard Bonvissuto from Palm Springs, California, received honorable mentions.

LightBox opened in Astoria on June 13, 2009. Chelsea and Michael Granger established the venue to educate the public in the photographic arts. In six years and with more than 70 exhibits since opening, LightBox has become an important Northwest photographic resource, hosting national and regional artists' with exhibits of fine photography, conducting artists' presentations and workshops — all as part of its goal to provide a center for the promotion of creative and alternative photography on the North Oregon Coast.

The "Plastic Fantastic Show VI" runs from June 13 to July 7. Every month Light-



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"Around the Bend" by Jim Rohan won second place.

Box exhibits silver gelatin prints from the LightBox dark-room members. LightBox offers memberships as a way of becoming part of the community of supporters that help to further the mission of the gallery. LightBox provides fine art reproduction, restorations, photographic printing and other photographic services.

LightBox is located at 1045 Marine Drive. Call 503-468-0238 or visit lightbox-photographic.com for more information.



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Sign up for Teen Art Week at the Columbia River Maritime Museum July 6 to 11.

Maritime museum to hold teen art week

ASTORIA — Teens, come explore your creativity and be inspired this summer at the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Summer Art Week provides one-of-a-kind opportunities for teens to unleash their imaginations and develop their art making skills.

Delve into the local galleries of Astoria for inspiration as you discover a variety of mediums, including fiber arts, sculpture, painting, drawing and more.

The week will culminate with an evening art show

during Second Saturday Art Walk highlighting and exhibiting the artwork created at the Barbey Maritime Center.

Teen Art Week will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 6 to 10, and from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at the Barbey Maritime Center located at 1792 Marine Drive. Cost is \$100 for mu-

seum members and \$125 for non-members.

To sign up for the program, visit www.crrmm.org to print out and return the Teen Art Week Reservation Form. For further questions and information, contact Education Program Coordinator Christine Fleming at 503-325-2323 or by email at fleming@crrmm.org

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