



## Cape student wins 'Gold Key' award

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School artist Noelle Webster will never forget the day, a "perfect" Cape Cod summer day, the day she memorialized in her photograph, "Underwater Adventure," which recently won Webster a regional Scholastic Art "Gold Key" award (see prize-winning photo on page 1).

Webster, 15, and her 13-year-old cousin, Eric Knight, were swimming in a pool near Old Silver Beach in North Falmouth, Mass., the place to be on an 85-degree day.

"The sun streamlined these rays down to the pool, and I thought it would be a cool picture," said Webster, who had her underwater Olympus camera with her.

Months later, a panel of artists judged the photo cool enough to earn the highest award possible in the 2010 Maine Regional Scholastic Arts Awards competition.

The competition is the longest running student recognition program for the visual arts in the United States. Since the late 1920s, when the competition was established, some winners have gone on to become nationally renowned artists—Richard Avedon, Robert Indiana, and Andy Warhol among them.

Regional award-winning works will be on display from March 8 to 17 at Heartwood College of Art, located at 123 York Street in Kennebunk. Show hours will be from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students who have received Silver and Gold Key awards or honorable mentions will attend an award ceremony and reception at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Coastal House in Wells. The pieces will then move on to New York for national judging.

A student in Richard Rothlisberger's advanced photography class, Webster got the photo bag even before she took Rothlisberger's introduction to photography course last year. But her passion really kicked in while taking the class.

"In general, I always have a camera with me in my bag, and I have since last year," she says.

Photography isn't Webster's only passion. A swimmer who won the 500-yard freestyle on Jan. 15 at a meet at Cape Elizabeth's Donald L. Richards Pool, Webster also loves to paint.

Her bag may get heavier in the future, as she adds other artists' implements to the camera.

"I'm taking art fundamentals next quarter, and I'm hoping to maybe double up next year with painting and drawing and another course."

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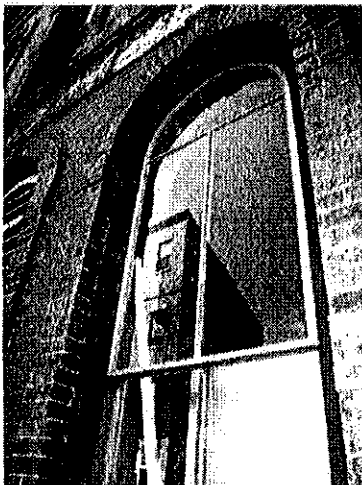


Photo by Noelle Webster

Asked to capture the spirit of Portland for an advanced photography class last fall, Webster photographed buildings reflected in a window.