

GREATER LOWELL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Member, 9, wins regional art contest

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LOWELL » Greater Lowell Boys & Girls Club member Savannah Page says she loves to spend her time drawing and sculpting.

Her passion for art was rewarded recently when the 9-year-old Murkland Elementary School student won a regional art contest, according to a press release from the local Boys & Girls Club.

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The art of Savannah Page, 9, a member of the Greater Lowell Boys & Girls Club, advanced to the next round in the BGCA Northeast Regional Art Contest.

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In February, club members participated in the Boys & Girls Club Northeast Regional Art Contest, which included several different age groups and categories — including watercolor, mixed media and acrylic.

The art exhibit was open to parents and guardians, staff, and members to view all the art and place votes for their favorite pieces.

Savannah was competing in the mixed media category and the pastels category for ages 6 to 9 and won the in-house vote in both categories.

Her artwork, along with the other winners' pieces, were sent to a central location for the next round of judgment for the Northeast Region.

The local club recently received good news, the release states.

Savannah was selected as the first-place winner in both the mixed media and pastels categories for ages 6 to 9 at the regional level.

Her sculpture and pastel art are now on their

way to Atlanta for the next round of judges to analyze.

When told the good news, Savannah initially had no words. According to the release, she then told the Club's Education & Arts Manager Kady Phelps, that she was "very, very, very, excited."

"It is truly a privilege working with Savannah and watching her grow as an artist," Phelps said in the release. "I'm so incredibly proud of her."

Joe Hungler, executive director of the Greater Lowell Boys & Girls Club, agreed with Phelps' assessment.

"We are so happy that her hard work and talent is being recognized regionally," Hungler said. "Savannah was competing against youth from 10 different states, so this is a major accomplishment. Creative youth development provides an opportunity to not only build skills and self expression, but also increases self esteem and a sense of belonging."

For those interested in following Savannah's journey, go to lbgc.org.

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