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**Winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Art Exhibit bound for the nation's capital**  
*Congresswoman Mazie Hirono presents statewide arts awards*

Honolulu -- "Battle Royale," a photograph of light painting by Kapolei High School student Beverly Ann Lapuz, won first place in the 26th Annual Congressional Art Competition for public high school artists. Lapuz and her teacher Amanda Kim are bound for Washington, DC in June to participate in a national ceremony honoring young artists from all congressional districts. Her art work will be exhibited for one year at an area in the U.S. Capitol dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Casey Nishikawa of Baldwin High School was named first runner up for a painting of her cat, "Dinky." The painting will hang in the Washington, DC office of Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono, honorary chair of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Art Competition. Cyndi Kohashi of Waiakea High was selected as second runner-up for her painting of fish in a market. The painting, entitled "In the Good Old Days," will hang in Congresswoman Hirono's Honolulu office at the Prince Kuhio Federal Building.

Congresswoman Hirono presented the awards on Saturday, April 14, at the Aloha Tower Marketplace. The Hawai'i Arts Alliance coordinated the competition.

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Winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Art Competition: Cyndi Kohashi, Casey Nishikawa and Beverly Ann Lapuz, with Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Clayton Fujie and Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono. Behind them is the winning art work, "Battle Royale."