

# Talbot Mentors

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## Talbot Mentors Students Receive Artistic Recognition

Students in the Talbot Mentors Partners In Art program received recognition for their talents at a recent reception. The Academy Art Museum presented awards to several mentees who had worked with local artists in creating artwork in various media.

Shanice Palmer won first prize, a scholarship to an Academy Art Museum class of her choice, for her painting, "Midnight Love," created with artist Nancy Thomas. DreOna Dawson received a family membership to the Academy for a colorful basket woven with artist Heidi Wetzel. Honorable Mention was given to Kristen James, who worked with Gwen Cameron-Davis in capturing her floral photograph, "Naked Ladies."

The reception was originally scheduled for early February, but was postponed for a month due to the weather. Talbot Mentors Executive Director Diana Trams thanked Bill Lippincott for hosting the event at his Chesapeake Bay Heritage Gallery in Easton. "Bill was gracious enough to display the students' artwork in his gallery throughout the month of February when the reception was delayed," said Trams. "We very much appreciate his support and accommodation."

Trams also thanked Scossa for providing the evening's raffle prize, along with the artists who donated work for the silent auction. Gwen Cameron-Davis, Deborah Colborn, Peg Papa and Shirley Sallet all contributed pieces, and the students' own work raised additional funds through the auction.

Thirteen area artists participated in Talbot Mentors' Partners In Art program last year, providing students with an opportunity to explore their artistic talents. Mentors provide transportation and support for their mentees' efforts. More artists are welcome and may contact the Talbot Mentors office to participate in this year's program.

*For more information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer as a mentor, call Talbot Mentors at 410-770-5999 or visit [www.talbotmentors.org](http://www.talbotmentors.org).*



Photo Captions:

PIA\_Otters.jpg: Jan and Tom Otter accepted first prize from the Academy Art Museum on behalf of Jan's mentee, Shanice Palmer, for "Midnight Love" created by Palmer with artist Nancy Thomas.

PIA\_Dawson\_Howell.jpg: DreOna Dawson received an Academy Art Museum prize from Talbot Mentors board member Pete Howell for the basket she made with artist Heidi Wetzel.