

Winston-Salem visually impaired shine at putt-putt tournament

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On April 7 nine visually-impaired people ventured from Winston-Salem to Salisbury to participate in the 13th Annual Statewide Visually Impaired Putt Putt Tournament sponsored by Rowan County Parks and Recreation Department Special Populations Unit. Out of 79 visually impaired golfers, two golfers from Winston-Salem won first place. Samuel Roundtree won first place in the totally blind competition and James Gledhill won first place in the partially

sighted competition. This was the first time someone from Winston-Salem had won in the Statewide Visually Impaired Putt Putt Tournament after participating in the tournament for three years. These exceptional and determined visually impaired people are part of the Out of Sight Support Group. The Out of Sight Support Group is a program sponsored by City of Winston-Salem Special Populations Unit with the Recreation and Parks Department. There are 24 members in the group. A meeting is

held every Thursday at Polo Park Recreation Center from 10 to 12 p.m. The Out of Sight Support Group members are advocates, supporters and resources for issues affecting the visually-impaired population. The Out of Sight Support Group was started in June 1998 when Rosie Bethea contacted Charles E. Roane, coordinator for the visually impaired with the City of Winston-Salem Special Populations Unit. There are many other programs that the City of Winston-



Out of Sight Support Group



Samuel Roundtree, left, and James Gledhill, right

Salem Special Populations Unit provides for people with visual impairments. These programs include the Forsyth Blind Bowl-

ing League, Winston-Salem Council for the Blind, Visually Impaired Fun Night and Visually Impaired Ceramics. For more information, contact Roane or Jaime Ledbetter, senior recreation leader, at (336) 727-2505 ext. 106.

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the drawing. Shaye Blair's class at Union Cross Elementary School completed a quilt.

"It is a great pleasure to have the artwork of the Links and WSSU enlivening the walls of the Central Library," said Elizabeth Skinner, the Central Library public services manager. "All of the student work is inspiring and offers a renewed appreciation for arts education in the schools. In these first few days of the exhibit we have had many people excited to have this added dimension at the library. The library is a great gathering place in the community - a natural place in which this art can receive the audience it deserves."

Featuring 21 works by Natalie Tinker and Celeste Davis, 2 Souls/2 Goals is the WSSU senior thesis exhibition located in the newly renovated gallery beside the library auditorium.

Tinker, a fine art major and Charlotte native, exhibits brightly colored pastels in addition to her computer graphics, a woodcarving, and a photograph. During her presentation, Tinker explained, "My art flows from my imagination. I don't always know what I'm going to create when I begin." Tinker hopes to pursue a career in comput-

er graphics.

Davis, an arts education major and Mount Airy resident, said, "As an artist, I am often satisfied with simply making people smile." She explained that she likes experimenting with various textures in her paintings. "I don't want people to touch the paintings, but I want people to want to touch the paintings," she said, smiling. Her thesis exhibit includes nine paintings and two mixed media wall hangings. Davis, who volunteers as an art instructor at the Millennium Charter Academy in Mount Airy, hopes to pursue a career in elementary art education.

Belinda Tate, Diggs Gallery director, said, "These exhibits are a testament to the quality of art instruction in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System and at Winston-Salem State University. The partnerships established here also reflect the priority that community organizations place upon quality arts learning for young people in Winston-Salem. As a community gallery, Diggs will always support the artistic talents of young people whenever and wherever we can."

Both exhibitions will be on view at the library through May 31.

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