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'Pearls' to sparkle at weekend cotillion

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The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will present its 2012 Spring Cotillion, "Pearls of Perfection," on Sunday, May 6 at 5 p.m. in the C.E. Gaines Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel. The tickets for this semi-formal affair are \$35.

The following eight Pearls will be presented at the Cotillion:

Allysia Hamlin, a senior at Glenn High School, is the daughter of Chrisma Brock and David Hamlin. Her activities include the Glenn Ambassador program, Key Club and Student Government Association. Upon graduation from Glenn, she plans to attend Winston-Salem State University and major in nursing and/or pre-med. She will be escorted by Christian Thomas.

Tiffani Briana Jones, a senior at East Forsyth High School, is the daughter of Ben and Lisa Jones. Her activities include the Crosby Scholars program, the Black Student Alliance, Black Achievers program and the varsity cheer-leading squad. After graduation, she will attend Virginia State University and intends to major in business administration with plans to attend law school. She will be escorted by Alex McCalister.

Anastacia Hernandez, a senior at Mount Tabor, is the daughter of Christine Hernandez. Her school activities include S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking Action Now in Darfur), the Spartanettes Dance Team, the prom committee and art honors/art club. Anastacia plans to attend Hofstra University and major in dance education and Spanish education. Anastacia will be escorted by Marcus Smith.

Maya Newlin, a senior at East Forsyth, is the daughter of Miranda Theresa Newlin and Walter Lee Proctor. At school she is a member of the Crosby Scholars, Leading Ladies, the JV Women's Basketball team and a vice president of Health

Occupation Students of America. She is enrolling at Carnegie Mellon University to major in biology with a minor in religion. She will be escorted by Samuel Harris.

Tiffany Avaril Richmond, a senior at Glenn High, is the daughter of Charlene Avaril Richmond. Her activities include the Spanish Club, the French Club, the Drama Club, Dance Movement and serving as captain of the Color Guard. She plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University and major in biology and pre-med. Tiffany will be escorted by Thomas Bynum.

Tierani Mechelle Sauls, a senior at R.J. Reynolds High School, is the daughter of Zoilo and Michelle Sauls. Her activities include the Wake Forest School of Medicine 2011 Camp Med Summer Program, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) and Teens-4-Change of Family Services, Inc. She plans to enter either UNC-Charlotte or East Carolina University and major in biology and chemistry. Tierani will be escorted by Quentin Slade.

Courtney Elizabeth Singleton, a senior at Parkland Magnet High School, is the daughter of Willie and Cheryl Singleton. Her activities include the Mighty Mustangs Marching Band, the Parkland Track and Field Team and serving as vice president of the Student Government Council. She plans to enter either Greensboro College or Mars Hill College and major in sports medicine. Courtney will be escorted by Stavon Powell.

Elaine "Jeanette" Stackhouse, a senior at Glenn, is the daughter of Dr. Lee and Mrs. Yvette Stackhouse. Her activities include serving as president of the Spanish Club, leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the National Honor Society and Crosby Scholars. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill to major in English and Spanish. She will be escorted by JaVan Durham.



Dozens of winners received their medals in the SilverArts awards ceremony last week.

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event for the poster.

Poet Rodney Holman created the poster through his non-profit organization, In Public Service. He has led two other WSTA poetry poster campaigns since 2002. Holman says his efforts are designed to expose more people to the beauty of poetry.

"It's something pleasant for the commuter," said Holman. "It's relaxing, inspiring, uplifting for the commuter, and that's something I wanted to share with my fellow Winston-Salem citizens."

The poster offers a timeline of African-American poetry and poets. It highlights a 1929 collection by George Moses Horton, who was dubbed "the colored bard of North Carolina." The book was the first published in the South by a black man. Horton's accomplishment are juxtaposed with the text of a 1831 North Carolina law forbidding slaves like Horton from being taught to read and write. Poet, novelist and abolitionist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Maya Angelou and even one of Holman's own collections, "The Universal Solvent," are also featured.

"We thank poetry for its role in our lives and history as healer, provocateur and in-house spirit-guide," the poster reads.

Fittingly, medals were awarded in poetry at the reception for SilverArts, a Piedmont Plus Senior Games arts competition for people 55 and older. Mayor Allen Joines attended the ceremony, telling attendees that the arts help improve the quality of life in the city. WSTA General Manager Art Barnes read a poem by Holman, while Sam Barbee of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, which sponsors the Senior Games, read William Gramley's poem "Treetop Angels," which won second-place in the poetry division. Retired school teacher Helen Thurston read her poem "Preparation," which took third-place.

Thurston, who also took a silver in the short story category for her work, said placing in the



Rodney Holman holds up the new Word Up! poetry poster.



Linda Foster holds her entries, including her first place mixed media piece, "Flamingos."



Medal-winning poet Helen Thurston.

SilverArts competition was "wonderful."

"It's exhilarating," she said. "It encourages you to keep pursuing writing."

Other seniors competed in competitions for essays, needle work, woodcarving,

years ago. Today, all the gallery space is needed. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Denise Scott-Johnson said that's a good thing.

"I want to applaud you for this capacity problem," said Scott-Johnson. "I think it speaks well to how this program has grown."

Margaret Graham, 67, was also among the dozens of SilverArts winners. She took home three medals — a gold and two bronzes — for her needlework entries. She said she loved to have a place to showcase her "God given" abilities.

"I would never make it in the sports games, but in this game, I feel like I can compete with the best of them," said Graham.

For more information about In Public Service, visit www.inpublicservice.org. For more information about SilverArts, contact SilverArts coordinator Elaine Williams at 336-659-4315.

oil painting, pastels, mixed media, sculpture and performing arts. Like the sports component of the Senior Games, most of the gold winners in SilverArts will go on to compete for state titles.

All the arts and craft entries were on display at Delta Arts. Literary entries were displayed in bound books. The yearly exhibit used to only take up a couple walls in the gallery four



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