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YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW NAMES CONGDON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA - West Chester University Student Awarded Scholarship

The 36th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show is pleased to announce John Cavara as the 2009 winner of the George Congdon scholarship. The late Mr. Congdon was a beloved and devoted member of the Historic Yellow Springs Board of Directors for many years and an ardent supporter of the arts.

This year's winner is a junior at West Chester University, studying Fine Arts with a strong interest in Italian Renaissance art and a passion for figure drawing. Like most serious art students, Cavara is still experimenting with style and form as his skills mature.

He has a unique interest in religious painting and cites the decline in classic religious art as an area where he hopes to make a future impact. Each year the Yellow Springs Art Show recognizes one student who shows exceptional promise for the award.

In addition to a quality show with more than 170 professional artists working in oils, watercolors, pastels and ink there will be exceptional three-dimensional pieces as well. This year's show also includes several activities that involve the audience. "Art Quest for Kids" will run throughout the length of the show and will encourage young viewers to search for clues hidden in the paintings as they sharpen their observational skills and vie for prizes. *Images of Yellow Springs* will be a special exhibit in the lobby of the Lincoln Building that will be up throughout the show.

"The Arts of Yellow Springs" will be a one day arts immersion program for adults with lectures, hands-on art experiences, a box lunch, showing of the Country School video, tour of Painted Sites Trail and guided tour of the galleries. Limited to 20 adults, this is an opportunity to fully understand the role the village of Yellow Springs continues to play in America's art scene both in the past and the future.

The 36th Yellow Springs Art Show is open free to the public from April 25 through May 10 with show hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays. For complete details and reservations for the preview reception, call (610) 827-7414 or visit online at www.yellowsprings.org. ###

Historic Yellow Springs (PO Box 62, 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the visual arts, environment, and the village's 275-year old history. The mission of Historic Yellow Springs is to share, preserve, and celebrate the unique living village of Yellow Springs. Focusing on history, arts, education and the environment, HYS enriches the lives of all who come here.