

Face: Meagan Gilmore, artist, winner of the In-Definite Arts Society's Jane Cameron Award.

What does the In-Definite Arts Society do?

The In-Definite Arts Society adapts arts programming for developmentally disabled adults. This includes painting, ceramics, fibre arts, printing, sculpture and jewelry.

How have the society and the competition helped you?

It has helped me learn to use a sewing machine to make my mermaid tapestry and be able to take a quilting class. I'm going to use the prize money to go camping this summer.

What are the rules of the art competition and who competed in it?

The In-Definite Arts Society Jane Cameron Arts Award is open to members of the In-Definite Arts Society, and they can enter any piece in any medium made in the last year. This year 23 people of a possible 175 members entered the competition. First prize is \$200 plus a medal made by artist Jeff deBoer.

How did you come up with the idea for your project?

I did a sketch of a mermaid, and thought I could do more detail if I did it as a fabric tapestry instead of a painting. My winning piece was a 1.5-metre-tall tapestry of a mermaid with reddish brown hair and a tooth necklace with a twisted metal halo.

Have you done other art projects?

Many projects. I make sweaters on commission and anything that can be knitted or crocheted. Mostly fabric stuff, but also some clay work.

What artist inspires you?

Two artists — Emily Carr and Vincent Van Gogh.

