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Heritage Arts Center Association Gives 2020 Nereim Fine Arts Award

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The 2020 winner of the Nereim Fine Arts Award was given to Meagan Alexis Stringer, who received a $1,000 check from Heritage Arts Center Association. Meagan is a graduating senior at Zephyrhills High School, and was presented the certificate by Thaila Stilson, the Visual Arts Chair of the H.A.C.A. Board of Directors.

Heritage Arts Center Association is a local non-profit volunteer organization dedication to promoting and supporting the performing and visual arts in our community. They produce the "Spotlight on Talent" regional performing arts competition for young people through high school seniors, where they award $4,000 in cash prizes and trophies in addition to the $1,000 Pasco Heritage Scholarship. This year that award went to Julianna Mazza, a Blackwood Studios dancer who had studied dance from age 4, and had been a 10 year finalist in "Spotlight on Talent." For many years H.A.C.A. has also given the Nereim Visual Arts Award to aspiring artists, in honor of the late Founding Board members Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nereim.

Meagan Stringer was inspired to draw by her talented father and by her supportive elementary school art teacher. She continued working on her artistic talent throughout her childhood, and now plans to enter the field of illustration at the Academy of Art University. Meagan wants to inspire people to explore what they can do with their art expression. She will be invited to display her art at next February's "Moonlight and Ivory" concerts and art showings at the Women's Club in Dade City.

Meagan was selected for this recognition from eight other highly accomplished local artists via a rigorous process. Her work can be viewed soon on Heritage Art's facebook page at heritagearts.org.