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## KIDS' ART CONTEST, 2016

The Flash Annual Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest for 2016 is over. Once again, the many fine entries were the stuff of feverish controversy as the Contest Sub-committee of the

Graphic Arts Committee's thirteen members, each with favorites and biases, particularly against YHE's grandchildren's entries, fought tooth, nail, and inner organs over many hours, six pizzas, four six-packs of coke products, and twenty-three cups of coffee in Conference Rm. 6



Ms. **Lee, SeungHee**, the guest of Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Fifth Dan, teaches students at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin, an introduction to Korean games. On "Korean Culture Night," they learned such pastimes as Yut Nori, Ddjaki, and Gonggi.

Sir:

Wyoming had its combined Black Belt and Color belt testing in Sheridan Wyoming on July 30th hosted by Master **Robin Johnson** and the **Sheridan TKD** club. (Group, right.)

Our two Black



Belt testing candidates were, left, Mrs. **Lori Paris** and her son Mr. **Riley Paris**, both going to 2nd Dan- they both did an



outstanding job. Our color belt high test score winners, above, were **Joshua Haid**, blue belt, for best break, Ms. **Devyn Neal**, yellow belt, for best pattern and Ms. **Andraya Canchola**, green belt, for best ho sin sol.

in the Editorial Department offices on the twenty-ninth floor of the Flash Building, downtown Manhattan. Ultimately an overnight deadlock was resolved by blind submissions to unrelated art critics who made the ultimate selections. Most can be found on subsequent pages of this most distinguished publication spread hither and thither. (No, the latter is not a stringed Germanic musical instrument appropriately played while wearing lederhosen.) Due to space considerations, Runners up **Shaunak Chaurdhuri**, **Marshall Phipps** and **Shay Lucier** will have their works featured in the October issue. Congratulations to all the

contestants, for, having participated, you have proven to be winners.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

On September 16 Dr. **Jeff Will's** Fourth Dan test will be conducted at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On September 17 the **Seventeenth Annual Wyoming Challenge** will be held at the Casper Recreation Center, Casper, Wyoming.

Also on the 17th Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman** will teach a USTF Referee Course at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do**, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On September 24 the **Second Annual Kirksville Invitational Tournament** will be held in Kirksville, Missouri. The Tournament Director will be Sr. Master Ricky Todd, and the Chief Referee Master Dustin Stephenson. Questions? [mdustinstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:mdustinstephenson@gmail.com)

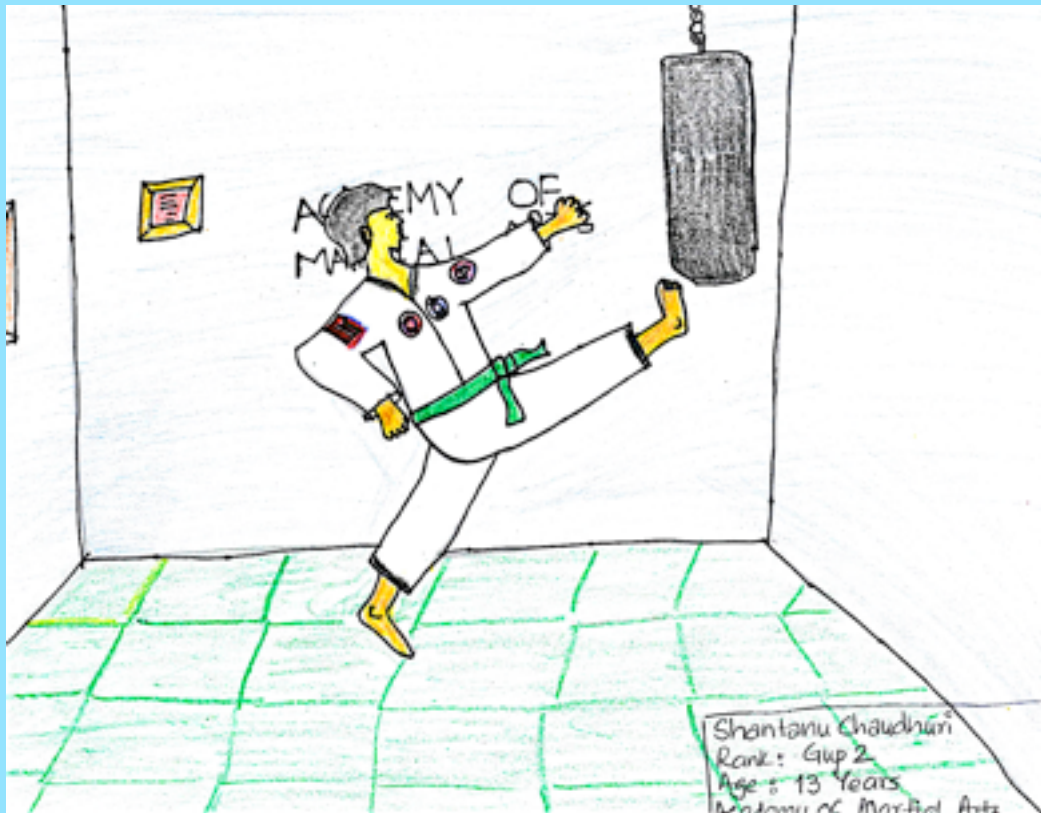
And in the U.P. at the venerable **Marquette Taekwon-Do** Mr. Chuck Giotto will host a Black Belt Test on September 24.

On October 9 and 10 there will be a USTF Class C Instructor course taught by Grand Master **Mike Winegar** at **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do** in Sequim, Washington. Promoter: Mr. **Brandon Stoppani**. Bound to be excellent and, of course, thorough.



Grand Prize in the Flash TKD Kids' Art Contest of 2016 goes to "Temple" by **Cade Jones**, age 9, a Blue Belt at Fairbanks Taekwon-Do in Alaska. In an opinion rendered by Suzette Fromage, art critic of the arts monthly *Les Petits Cerveau* it is noted: "'Temple' drenches the observer in color, texture, season, and even the suggestion of scent and taste."

First Runner Up in the Flash TKD Kids' Art Contest of 2016 goes to "Kicking Drill" by **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, 13, Red Belt at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin. In the opinion of the subcommittee Chair, Malcolm Blashtritt, MFA, "The uniformed figure fairly jumps out of this piece, a fine effort to capture that *je ne sais quoi* (YHE doesn't know what that is) of the athlete in mid-extension. Here, the supporting leg coming off the mats, the toes on the kicking foot pulled properly back, the fingers pulled into tight fists, demonstrate the artist's appreciation for the effort and form of the subject in motion."



On October 27 the **Oregon State Black Belt Test** will take place, Golden Tiger TKD.

Sir:

*Sr. Grand Master and I would like to welcome USTF affiliated schools and their students to compete for top honors in over 45 divisions. The Fall Championship will include Individual Sparring and Pattern plus 5 person Team Breaking competition. The sparring will be light controlled contact with safety pads including HEAD GEAR for all students.*

*All referees need their USTF certification cards and proper dress to be on the gym floor. (Blue slacks, white shirt, blue tie, all white tennis shoes) We will not be using*

*Coaches at this event.*

*Make sure to check out the new adult breaks this year! Junior breaks remain the same. Make sure you pre-register breaking teams by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. No on site breaking registration. There is on site registration for sparring and pattern competition. A discount if you pre-register by October 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Grand Master Renee' Soroff.*

On November 5 you can look forward to tournament action in the **2016 Utah State Championships** in Salt Lake City.

Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will promote a testing at Axe Taekwon-Do on November 19.

Utah's 2016 Fall Black Belt Testing will be held November 19.

On November 20 expect a Black Belt test at Arvada, Colorado, for **Maestas Taekwon-Do**.

**Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do** has scheduled a Black Belt test for December 3.

And also on December 3, a Black Belt test will be held at Sequim, Washington, Master **David Mason**, presiding.



Second Runner Up in the Flash TKD Kids' Art Contest of 2016 goes to **Shay Lucier**, age 5 Sprouting Warrior at Bodystrong Taekwon-Do. According to Manny Shoulders of *Women's Wear Daily*, "A bold take on style." Jacques Blaque, subcommittee Sofa states: "I appreciate the artist's minimalist approach. I feel, however, that the artist's choice of palette distracts from the essential meaning of the work. I find myself uncomfortable at what the artist might be intending to convey by the depiction of a 'waist beyond the waist' here. I feel this work is a fine early effort by an artist whose work I would like to see mature over time. I look forward to this artist's contributions in future."

Third Runner Up in the Flash TKD Kids' Art Contest of 2016 goes to **Riley Guilmond**, age 5, another Bodystrong Sprouting Warrior, illustrating the artistic strengths of this Taekwon-Do *Ecole des Beaux Arts* of the Northwest. Jury Iconographer Pasquale Doanchahneau observed: "Executed in the 'late Picasso' style of clean lines, this piece demonstrates the artist's keen appreciation of technique. Note the Reaction Force hand, tight to the waist, and the swirls across the page, clearly denoting the motion of the preparation for and execution of the Block. The intensity of the facial expression, too, brings me to rate this fine work a 9 for content, and a 7 for expression."



### AROUND THE COUNTRY

Miss **Leilani Manera** tested for her Third Dan at **Flyer's Taekwon-Do** in Richmond Hill, Georgia, on August 13.



Sir:

On Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Twenty students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Red Belt Black Stripe. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director and Ms. **April Bowling**, 5<sup>th</sup> Dan. Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan served as the testing director.



The following gups were promoted: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Helen Fleming** and **Kathleen Fleming** (featured, photo right). Red Belt: **Ryan Chamberlin**, **Kevin Fleming**, and **Melaine Ostrander**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Luke Blasey**. Blue Belt: **Melody Param**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Jack Blasey**, **James Grgas** and **Matthew Brockman**. Green Belt: **Ethan Brockman**, **Amaya Crowder** (featured in photo left), **Elijah Jake**, **Cassy Kribell**, **Lizzy Linder**, **Kiel Matos**, **Keenan Matos** and **Paul Wagstaff**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Ryan Brockman**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Elliana Grgas**.

The students were tested on all physical and mental aspects of Taekwon-Do in accordance with the USTF testing syllabus. Since 1988, USTF Taekwon-Do has been taught to both military and non military students at the Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center. We welcome any USTF member travelling through our area to stop in and train! For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.axetkd.com> or Facebook at AXE Taekwon-Do.

*Sr. Master Ricky J. Todd, D.F.S.*



### Some Sereff World Camp Takes



Top left: "Hey, that dude's not in dobok!" Top right: "Glad that tree's being held up." Middle: "Working up a



REAL sweat." Bottom: "Straighten those lines!"



More World Camp Photos will be in the October issue of the Flash.. Photo credits: R. Romberg, DFS.





Sir,

Sereff Taekwon Do hosted the USTF Ground Fighting Course on August 13, 2016. Instructors and Students from Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Alaska spent the afternoon with Senior Master **Frank Hannon** learning how to fight and defend from the ground. All of the information came directly from the “Taekwon Do Encyclopedia” by General Choi Hong Hi. The USTF added this course instead of the Advanced Ho Sin Sul course. This course was the first advanced course that junior students were invited to. They did a fantastic job of paying attention, following instruction and overall did everything the adults did except some of the choking techniques. We will include juniors in all of the advanced courses with their instructors’ permission.

Sr. Master Hannon is an excellent technician and instructed with all of the knowledge and experience he has in his career in the military using many of the students like Mr. Jordan McDill from Wyoming, Mr. James Brown from Alaska, Mr. Anthony Giese from Wyoming, Mr. Bob Martin from Colorado, as well as some of the Sr. Masters to help oversee the students. Many of the students wanted to be the victims and he accommodated them. Our ladies at the course were very strong with the two on one fighting from the ground. Thank you to all that helped make this course a success. Sr. Master Stan Martin and Sr. Master Kirk Steadman did a great job keeping track of all the students. With over 40 on the floor, that was a challenge but many made new friends and renewed friendships. Thank you to Sr. Master Frank Hannon!

We were happy to be there for Sr. Master Hannon’s certificate presentation by Sr. Grand Master Charles Sereff. He was promoted earlier in the year but had many things on his plate and we decided to celebrate after this course. Congratulations, Sr. Master Hannon!

*Grand Master Renee' Sereff, D.F.S.*



# Sereff TKD Fall Championship

## October 16, 2016

*This competition is sanctioned by the USTF and its rules and regulations. Sr. Grand Master Sereff welcomes USTF affiliated schools and their students to compete for top honors in over 45 division.*

*The Fall Championship will include Individual Sparring, Pattern plus 5 person Team Breaking Competition. Registration forms may be obtained from all USTF Schools.*

*The sparring will be light controlled contact with safety pads including head gear for all students. All referees will need their USTF certification cards and proper dress to be on the gym floor. (Blue slacks, white shirt, blue tie, all white tennis shoes.) We will not be using coaches at this event.*

*For more information call Sereff Taekwon Do At 303-466-4963. You can email us at [rsereff@rmi.net](mailto:rsereff@rmi.net).*

*Competitors and Referees bring your current 2016 USTF card to gain access to the gym.*

**NO FOOD OR DRINK ON THE GYM FLOOR EXCEPT WATER, PLEASE!**

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*Broomfield High School  
1000 Daphne ( corner of 10th & Main )*

**Sunday**    *October 16, 2016*  
**Time**        *9:00 am to 4:30 pm*

**Registration**    *8:30 Juniors and Adults*

**Admission**    *\$5.00 General Admission  
Kids under 12 Free*

*Sparring/Pattern Registration will be available at the door.*

*Breaking Teams are Pre-Register ONLY by October 10th, no exceptions!*

*No one will be allowed on the gym floor until 8:15 to allow for set up. We thank you for your Cooperation!*