

Isle of Hope art show helps mark anniversary

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Organizers say last weekend's Isle of Hope 250th Anniversary Commemorative Art Show was a success, possibly opening the way for another show next year.

"We're very pleased with what we've had entered here," said Fall Quattlebaum, chairperson of the show for co-sponsor the Isle of Hope Historical Association. "Some of the artists want us to make it an annual event, but we're not sure what we're going to do right now. We're really pleased with all the time and effort the artists have put into this."

Organized with the help of the Savannah Art Association, the show was put on as

the final note of Isle of Hope's 250th anniversary celebration, held recently to mark the 250th anniversary of the settling of Isle of Hope.

"When (the historical association) decided to do this, our main goal was to inspire a new group of original paintings of Isle of Hope to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Isle of Hope," said historical association president Gordon Cross, "so we decided to hold a competition to kind of spur this."

Juried by judges selected by the Savannah Art Association, the show featured paintings of Isle of Hope scenes in oil, watercolors and acrylics. Twenty-four artists entered more than 40 paintings in the show, and the \$450 best-of-show prize



Philip Saraf, winner of best-of-show honors, poses in front of his winning entry with judge Deborah Allen.

went to Philip J. Saraf.

Saraf's winning painting, a scene of the bluff along Isle of Hope's Skidaway River shoreline, will be made into a print, which will be sold to benefit the historical association.

Saraf was awarded his prize at a reception held last Thursday night. Also at the reception, island residents Noel Wright, and Will Monroe presented the slides-

and-music show they put together for the anniversary celebration.

The show was held Saturday and Sunday in the parish hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on St. Thomas Street.

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