The Art Contest Awards and Reception was held on 7 April 2018 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Texas State Capitol in the Legislative Conference Center. The Republic of Texas Museum was honored to have Historian General Liz Hedges on hand to assist in the presentation of awards. Committee member Lois Lacy provided musical entertainment for the event and there was a brief presentation by Nancy Korzilus of the State Preservation Board. Ms. Korzilus spoke about the various art pieces in the State Capitol collection. Approximately one hundred guests were in attendance and many toured the Capitol after the event. Museum Chair Julia Lopez encouraged all to enter the 2019 Art Contest and brochures were made available for the upcoming contest. Congratulations to all participants and winners for submitting art and Power Point presentations depicting a person, event, or place in Texas history prior to 1850.

2018 Art Contest winners are as follows:

**STUDENT DIVISION (Grade 1-8)**

**District I**
1st Place……….Brad Lopez, Odessa, Texas  
2nd Place……….Lucas Aiden Lopez, Odessa, Texas  
3rd Place……….Robert Deaver, Odessa, Texas  

**District II**
1st Place……….Lillian Stover, Glen Rose, Texas 
2nd Place……….Piper Stover, Glen Rose, Texas 
3rd Place……….Bryce Irby, Cisco, Texas 
Honorable Mention……….Vermillion Rose Batteas, Cisco, Texas  
Honorable Mention…….....Jaycie G. Hare, Breckenridge, Texas  

**District III**
1st Place……….Maggie E. Meixner, Flower Mound, Texas  

**District IV**
1st Place……….Joshua Olgesby, San Augustine, Texas 
2nd Place……….Kristina Watts, San Augustine, Texas 
3rd Place……….Maggie Miller, San Augustine, Texas  

**District V**
Honorable Mention……....Clarissa Ratliff, Lorena, Texas  

**District VII**
1st Place……….Clarissa Sophia Gomez, San Antonio, Texas  
2nd Place……….Jake Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas  
3rd Place……….Stephanie Padalecki, San Antonio, Texas  
Honorable Mention……....Sophia Ramirez, San Antonio, Texas  

**District VIII**
1st Place……….Virginio Lara, Giddings, Texas  
2nd Place……….Audrey Nicks, Giddings, Texas  
3rd Place……….Valentine Juarez, San Marcos, Texas  
Honorable Mention……....Francisco Macias, Giddings, Texas  
Honorable Mention……...Kyndal Kuhn, Columbus, Texas  
Honorable Mention……....Michaela Moore, Giddings, Texas  

**District IX**
1st Place……….Avery Sparrow, Lake Jackson, Texas
POWER POINT DIVISION  (Grades 9-12)

District IV
1st Place………Cullen Malone, Tyler, Texas

District VIII
1st Place........Amanda Branecky, Bastrop, Texas (TIE)
1st Place........McKenzie Jones, Llano, Texas (TIE)
2nd Place........Amanda Schmidt, Llano, Texas
3rd Place........Isaac Carver, Llano, Texas

ADULT DIVISION (Age 55+)

District I
1st Place........Linda Drinkard Kirby, Odessa, Texas

District II
1st Place........Sandra Conley, Lancaster, Texas

District III
1st Place........Jenet Jolly, Royse City, Texas

District IV
1st Place........Gary Aiken, San Augustine, Texas (TIE)
1st Place........Glenda Shuttlesworth, Coldsprings, Texas (TIE)

District VII
1st Place........Alicia Lott Cowley, Goliad, Texas
2nd Place........Bonnie Balke Kuykendall, San Antonio, Texas

District VIII
1st Place........Rhoda Schmidt, Llano, Texas