

SWOSU Art Students Win Award at Fiberworks Exhibition

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University art students (from left) Michael Miller of Weatherford, Martin Lopez of Elk City and Kyle Johnson of Woodward recently received an Award of Merit and cash prize at the Fiberworks 2010 Exhibition in Oklahoma City. The students started the winning art in a SWOSU class taught by (right) E.K. Jeong.

The collaborative artwork of Southwestern Oklahoma State University art students Martin Lopez of Elk City, Michael Miller of Weatherford, and Kyle Johnson of Woodward recently received an Award of Merit at the Fiberworks 2010 Exhibition in Oklahoma City. Their work, entitled "Novae," was constructed entirely of recycled materials.

Fiberworks showed only half of the approximately 148 works that were submitted by professional and amateur artists throughout Oklahoma. Only eight of the 148 works received an Award of Merit, an honor that comes with a cash prize.

According to Lopez, the title of the piece, "Novae," reflects both its appearance - three separate, yet related spheres that might resemble heavenly bodies - and the fact that supernovae "recycle" themselves by forming new stars from the materials of dying stars.

Lopez, Miller and Johnson began the project with classmates in ART 3013, International Green Design, under the direction of SWOSU Assistant Professor E.K. Jeong. After the semester ended, the three artists expanded the class project into the prize-winning work of art.

"Novae" can be viewed until July 17 at the IAO Gallery, 706 W. Sheridan, in Oklahoma City.