

# Nigerian School Project photo gets Merit Award



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Dena Florszyk is next to her prize-winning photograph.

A total of 214 artists sent their entries from 35 states to the Art Center of Northern New Jersey in New Milford to be part of the 16th National Juried Show. The curator this year was Ted Mann from the Guggenheim Museum in New York. He selected 59 works by 51 artists, with awards given to individuals from Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, Massachusetts - and New Jersey.

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**Dena Florszyk received the Merit Award for her photograph of an African school girl which she took in conjunction with "The Nigerian School Project", a not-for-profit effort, which she undertook in her role as an educator at Teaneck High School.**

ited school supplies in Nigeria, funds are being raised through, amongst other things, a walkathon on June 3 (rain date: June 10), from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Teaneck High School Track.

Interested in learning more about this effort by Dena Florszyk, visit [www.nigerianschoolproject.org](http://www.nigerianschoolproject.org) or call 201-314-6649.

For anyone interested in the National Juried Show at the Art Center of Northern New Jersey at 250 Center St., New Milford, call Ruth Miller at 201-599-2992. The

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At the Art Center award ceremony, Dena stated that the prize money received would be used to educate the girl in the photo for an entire year. To supplement the lim-

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