

Bok Kai Festival Committee Names 2009 Parade Winners

Marysville – The winners of this year’s Bok Kai Festival Parade trophies and awards were announced following the parade by Jim and Emily Dawson, Judging Co-Chairmen of the 2009 Parade.

Two new awards were presented this year in honor of Katie Lim and Bing Ong who passed away in 2008. The Katie Lim Youth Award went to Yuba Gardens School, and Kang Martial Arts Academy received the Bing Ong Award.

The Best of Parade Award went to the ABC Family Resources Center. Prime Time Pizza received the Theme Award, and the Mayor’s Award went to Winship Elementary School, a K-8 school located in Sutter County. These awards are judged prior to the parade.

Marching bands, perennial favorites, have their own set of awards and are judged as they pass the Reviewing Stand at the end of the parade route. The Yuba City High School Honker’s Marching Band and Color guard Team took First Place Honors. Band Director Jennifer Campen is an alumnus of the parade’s top band.

The River City Falcons Marching Band took Second Place. James Loehman is the Director and Yuba City Unified School District’s newest high school band instructor. The Falcon Band will be heading South to Disney Land next month as part Magic Music Days. The Wheatland High School Marching Band, under the direction of James Achilles, took third place Honors.

Franklin Elementary School Marching band, a K –8 school located west of Yuba City. took first place in the Middle School Division. Obie Leff is the band Director. Andros Karperos Intermediate School Marching Band took second place. Jennifer Campen is the Band Director.

The Lincoln Elementary School Band took first place in the Elementary School Band Division.

Festival Chairman Peppie Schrader praised the Dawson’s who have headed the parade judging for several years. “We have always appreciated the quality judges they have recruited,” she said, “this year they took a look at the economy and also volunteered to sponsor the parade trophies, too.”

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