The Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, Jane Aagaard today announced the winners of the 2012 Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award.

First prize and winner of the $7000 Acquisition Award is Mrs Chalermsri (Sri) Vout of Darwin for her portrait of Yib Kohler. Mrs Vout came to Darwin from Thailand in 1992, and met Yib Kohler soon after. She started self taught water colour painting, but a recent short course at Charles Darwin University in oil painting was her first formal training in art. It has inspired Mrs Vout to paint more, particularly portraits. She is a child care worker and dreams of more time to paint and sew costumes.

Second prize of $2,000 was awarded to Ms Cait Wait for her portrait of Noel Padgham-Purich with the third prize of $500 awarded to Mrs Rooth Robertson for her portrait of Roydon Robertson.

Mrs Aagaard said it was a very special collection of 43 portraits depicting the wonderful and diverse stories of many Territorians.

Mrs Aagaard thanked the Government House Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the Acquisition Award and also thanked the judges, Dr Andrea Ash, School of Creative Arts and Humanities at Charles Darwin University, Mr
Chips Mackinolty, a celebrated Northern Territory artist and personality, and Ms Margie West, Curator.

“I encourage Territorians to come and view the artwork and show their support by casting a vote for the People’s Choice Award,” Mrs Aagaard said.

The exhibition is open to the public from 9am to 6pm daily until Wednesday, 15 August 2012 in the Main Hall, Parliament House.

Details of artists and works attached

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