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Friends of the Refuge Art Contest with the Oregon Chinese Coalition in conjunction with the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Complex



Program Overview:

The Oregon Chinese Coalition (OCC) aims to provide a nature themed art contest for their community in collaboration with the Friends of Tualatin River NWRC (Friends) and the Tualatin River NWRC (Refuge). The goals of the program are intended to assist in the following ways:

1. Bring awareness and engagement between the Chinese community and nature conservation, directly through this collaboration.
2. Provide a new opportunity for Chinese youth to creatively express their voice in how they see themselves in nature.
3. Excite youth within the Chinese community about nature and encourage them to explore it more. Promotion of contest will rely heavily on the OCC.
4. Provide opportunities to the Chinese community that can connect the idea of nature providing a place of healing.

Program plan-

Competition Eligibility:

- This is a pilot program and with planning occurring directly with the OCC, the Friends and the Refuge. The initial year's competition will be solely for youth within the Chinese community. Specifically, the Chinese community that interacts with the OCC.
- This competition will be open to youth from K-12 grade
- Only one entry per participant will be allowed

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Entry Deadlines and Key Dates:

- Submission of entries must be post-marked or delivered by 12/20/2021 to Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. No late entries will be considered.
 - o Attention: Friends of TRNWRC c/o Bonnie Anderson
 - o 19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood, OR 97140
- Judging will occur the week of January 3rd, 2022
- After judging, submissions will be displayed in the Visitor Center at Tualatin River NWR (pending the Visitor Center being open)
- On 1/19/2022 the submissions will be picked up by the OCC and taken to be displayed in the OTCA Art Space in China Town (pending approval from the Center)
- Submissions will be displayed there for 10 days

Contest Rules:

- Entries must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced or copied from photographs or other artist's works.
- The entry may be multi-color, black and white, or a single color; it may be rendered in ink, paint, pastel, crayon, or pencil. Techniques may include scratch-board, airbrush, linoleum printing, paper collage, dry brush, crosshatch, pointillism, etc.
- No photography or computer-generated art will be accepted. Computers or other mechanical devices may not be used in creating the artwork.
- The physical size of the submitted artwork must be 9"x12" and less than ¼" thick.
- Entries should not be matted.
- Boarder around the image are not required.
- A loose, detachable cover sheet may be laid over the art face to protect it if shipping. Spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate possible scuffing and smudging during transfer of artwork.
- No lettering, words, signatures or initials may appear on the front of the design. This will result in disqualification.
- Submission must be accompanied by a written message (no more than 150 words) indicating what about nature inspired them to create the art they did. More information about this is below.

Artistic Theme and Message:

The purpose of this activity is to encourage youth to get outdoors with their families. Therefore, the submitted artwork must be focused around an individual's experience in nature. It is asked of the contestants that part of your process needs to be spending time in nature to become inspired. The hope is that individuals will come to understand that nature is everywhere. It can be found in their backyard, down the block, at their school, or in a designated space like a refuge. To provide some



guidance of the topic to consider, the committee has posed a question to reflect on as contestants imagine what they want to create. Think about and reflect on this:

“The Wonder of Nature”

We request that youth entering the contest find ways to explore nature, in ways that they are able to, in order to find what inspires them. This is important as one of the submission rules is to provide a written explanation of their experience and where their inspiration came from while spending time (in whatever way they can) with nature. This write needs to be 150 or less and help the judges understand why the contestant created the piece they submitted. The submission needs to be provided when handing over the artwork.

Judging:

- All phases of judging will be open to general public (unless COVID restrictions do not allow for large numbers in a room at a time).
- The six judges will represent members from The Friends of TRNWRC, USFWS/TRNWRC and the OCC
- Judges will utilize a rubric when evaluating the submission. Value will be placed on creative expression, overall impact and technique. In the result of a tie, the winner will be determined by the President of the Friends.
- Artwork will be judged by group level as follows:
 - o Grades K-3
 - o Grades 4-6
 - o Grades 7-9
 - o Grades 10-12
- Awards will be selected by level. Each level will have a First Place, Second Place and Third Place winner, one each. There can be up to 4 Honorable mentions, depending on the number of entries. One entry will be selected as “Best of Show”

Recognition:

- All entries will receive certificates from The Friends, the Refuge and OCC.
- Each honorable mention will receive a special recognition certificate.
- Each First, Second and Third Place winners will receive a special recognition certificate, ribbon and prize provide by the Friends.
- The “Best of Show” winner will receive a prize of \$500.00 from the OCC

Return of Entries:



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- The returning of all entries will be coordinated by the OCC after the exhibition at the Art Space in January of 2022. Every effort will be made to safely return artwork to the student. The Friends, USFWS and the OCC will not be liable for any work that is damaged or lost during this contest. All unclaimed entries will be disposed of 30 days after the January art expedition ends.

Rights of Images:

- Winners (Best of Show, 1st-3rd place by level) will be required to sign the **USFWS Agreement for use of likeness in Audio/Visual Product** and hereby grant permission The Friends, USFWS and OCC the right to use their own image from this contest for promotional purpose in newsletters, social media and newsprint.