

CATEGORY IV AGES: 16-19

First place: Ashlyn McCullough, "Buck's Journey," Charcoal, graphite

Second place: Anthony Loper, "Fox,"

Painted paper collage

Third place: Brent Zachery, "Mississippi Great

Horned Owl," Lead and charcoal





More than 500 students across Mississippi participated in the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery's (NMFH) 2022 Youth Art Contest.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST-PLACE WINNERS:

Ashlyn McCullough (Category IV, ages 16-19), Homeschool, Hernando

Claire Rizzo (Category III, ages 12-15), Bayou Academy, Cleveland

Waverly Renick (Category II, ages 8-11), Homeschool, Clinton

Bella Tran (Category I, ages 5-7), St. Martin Gifted Center, Biloxi

Artwork by the top three finishers plus honorable mentions and runners-up in each age group is available for viewing at **www.mdwfp.com/nmfh/youth-art-contest**. The contest was sponsored by the Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

The Visitor Education Center (VEC), part of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' (MDWFP) NMFH, is located in Enid (Exit 233 east off Interstate 55). The VEC, which is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi, features a native-habitat area, a 10,000-gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, a fishing rodeo pond, gift shop, and gallery.

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CATEGORY III AGES: 12-15

First place: Claire Rizzo "First Steps of Summer," Watercolor

Second place: Mack Hutson, "The Crappie," Pastels

Third place: Abigail Griffin, "Wood Duck," Watercolor and ink







CATEGORY II AGES: 8-11

First place: Waverly Renick, "Cypress Bog," Wood burned with paint and colored pencils

Second place: Chloe Horton, "Horned Owl Keeps Watch,"

Acryllic painting on wood

Third place: Hendrix Gillies, "Best Buds (Wink, Wink)"

Acrylic, marker, and natural materials













CATEGORY I AGES: 5-7

First place: Bella Tran, "The Shiny Sea Turtle," watercolor and glass beads

Second place: Mary Pepper, "Black Baby Bear," Watercolor

Third place: Alice Ruth Weeks, "Cardinals in the Snow," acrylic

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- 1. Darcy Renick, "Sunday Best," Colored pencils
- 2. Anna Weems, "American Robin in Springtime," Paper collage
- 3. Makayla Lindsey, "Gone Fishin'," Pencil
- 4. Scarlett Watson, "No Trash Catfish," Mixed media
- 5. Dabner Renick, "Ruby Throated Hummingbird," Crayons and marker
- 6. Bailey Murphey, "Bandit," Acrylic
- 7. Lyric Heavner, "Marbled Orb Weaver," Mixed media
- 8. Abbygail Pham, "Mississippi Gulf Coast Jelly Fish," Colored pencil
- 9. Gia Vainisi, "Ruby from the North," Watercolor and ink

RUNNERS-UP

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- 1. Beatine Sherman, "'White Tailed' Deer Fawn," Pencil and crayon
- 2. Ada Wren, "Betsy Beetle Day," Acrylic
- 3. Alexandra Mickovski, "Gator'," Acrylic
- 4. Catherine Truemper, "The Great Blue Heron," Watercolor
- 5. Ethan Warren, "Bird on a Limb," Pencil and graphite

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