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PRESS RELEASE

St. John's, NL, June 7, 2011.....Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland & Labrador (PAA) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's annual art competition, "***Our Forests, Our Future***". Submissions were received from all over the province and artwork was chosen in four categories, Primary, Elementary, Junior High and High School based on artistic talent and understanding of the theme. Winners are:

Primary: 1st Colin.J.Murphy Gr.3 Sprucewood Academy, Grand Falls
2nd Nick Greening Gr. 3 Sprucewood Academy, Grand Falls
3rd Lara Blackburn Gr.2, Ecole des Grand-Vents, St. John's

Elementary: 1st Nicole Walsh, Gr.6, St. Boniface All Grade School, Ramea
2nd Kennadie Benoit Gr.5 Ecole Sainte-Anne, Mainland
3rd Jesse Goodie, Gr.5 Millcrest Academy, Grand Falls

Junior High: 1st Kacie Raymond, Gr. 8 Pasadena Academy
2nd Melissa Taylor, Gr. 8 Templeton Academy, Meadows
3rd Hailey Ford, Gr. 8 Pasadena Academy

High School: 1st Suzy Lim St. Kevin's High School, Goulds
2nd Sonali Verma, L.1 Stephenville High School
3rd Erica Lee, L.1 St. Kevin's High School, Goulds

"These young artists have put so much effort into their submissions", says Outreach & Development Coordinator Ruth (Godden) French. "The first place winners will have their original artwork mounted and receive other prizes; we have great prizes for 2nd, 3rd and Honourable Mention as well. Everyone who entered the contest will receive a small gift along with our appreciation. This is a fun way to educate our province's youth on the importance of protecting our wild areas for future generations."

Further information and a list of prizes can be found at www.paanl.org

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