Protected areas association of Newfoundland and Labrador

Art Biodiversity Climate Change

Wild Art Competition 2010

Competition Theme

"Art –Biodiversity –Climate Change"

Who is eligible?

All students grades K-12

Winners & Prizes

Primary, Elementary &Intermediate, each group:

1st place – Mounting of own artwork, Chapters $80 gift card & PAA gift Pack
2nd place –the Chapters $50 gift card & PAA gift pack
3rd place – PAA gift pack

High School:

1st place – Mounting of own artwork*, Mountain Equipment Co-op $120 gift card & PAA gift Pack*
2nd place – Mountain Equipment $60 gift card & PAA gift pack
3rd place – PAA gift pack

Honorable Mentions:

$ 10 Chapters gift card (3 candidates will be chosen in each group)

Participation prizes:

Every entry will receive a small gift from PAA

Send Entries to:

Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
Box 1027, Stn.C
St.John's, NL, A1C 5M3

By When?

Must be received by April 9, 2010

Artwork: 1.Upper-left: Taylor Groves; 2.Lower-middle: Kassandra Simon; 3. Upper-right: Christy Groves. 2009 competition entries.

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Did you know that we can slow down global warming with biodiversity conservation?

Biodiversity *is the short term for "biological diversity", the variety of genes, plants, animals, and ecosystems in a given area.*

Climate Change *is a change in the trend of weather over periods of time. People refer to it more as "man-made climate change" and "global warming".*
Statistics show that the world average temperature has been increasing, and there is evidence that most of the warming since the 1950s is due to human activity.

We all know that our protected areas cover relatively large areas of land or water, and are home to distinct natural species, which are the crucial elements for biodiversity.

However, we may not yet realize that they are also the battlefield for us to fight climate change. Our protected areas include waterways, wetlands, forests, and vegetation that provides us with essential carbon sinks. They capture carbon dioxide by taking it into their cells through photosynthesis, and then store the carbon in their bodies; a tree is comprised of about 50 percent carbon. Some carbon gets released back into the atmosphere through respiration, but the net effect is tremendous carbon storage. Over the past 150 years, deforestation has contributed an estimated 30 percent of the atmospheric build-up of CO_2. It is also a significant driving force behind the loss of genes, species, and critical ecosystem services. In other words, preserving our protected areas can help combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Wild Art Competition 2010 – Contest Rules & Regulations

1. Contest open to all students from grades K-12 throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.
2. Poster content must reflect the theme: Art – Biodiversity – Climate Change.
Art can include any aspect of climate change (impacts, solutions, and examples), any level of biodiversity (genetic, species, ecosystem diversity), or the link between climate change and biodiversity.
3. One entry per student, 8.5 x 11" in size
4. No photographs or digital art, but any other medium will be accepted.
First, second, and third place winners will be selected in the following categories: Primary (K-3), Elementary (4-6), Intermediate (7-9), and High (Levels I-III)

Information required on the back of poster

Title or description of poster, student's name, grade, teacher's name and school name, address & phone number.

Judging

Winners will be selected based on creativity, relevance of the theme, as well as artistic composition, care taken in creating poster and creative use of materials. Winners will be announced on Earth day, April 22nd 2010.

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