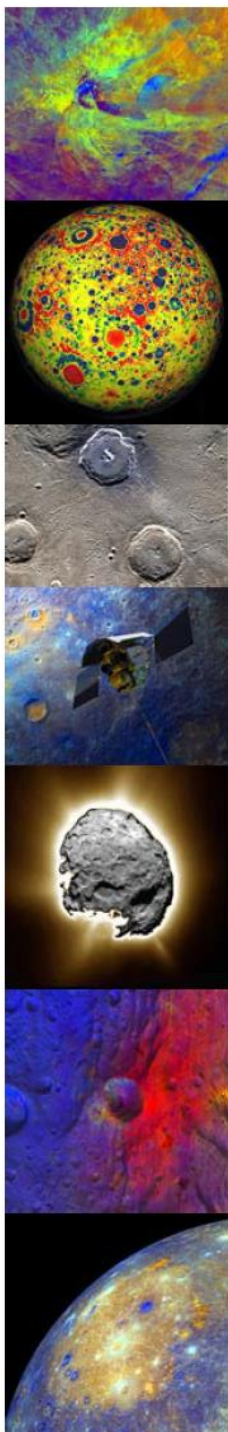




2015 Wallops Flight Facility 70th Anniversary Youth Art Contest “Art & the Cosmic Connection”



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The Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center is proud to announce the 70th Anniversary Youth Art Contest. The contest is open to pre-K through 12th grade students in celebration of our 70 years of history!

“Art & the Cosmic Connection” is the theme of this Youth Art Contest. This NASA-unique theme aims to inspire art through science. It is designed to encourage students to use the elements of art to help them understand and analyze NASA images taken from space. NASA spacecraft are visiting fascinating places and capturing images of otherworldly features that are great inspiration for art. NASA imagery of planets, moons, asteroids, comets, galaxies, and the sun will be your inspiration as you make the cosmic connection between science and art.

To enter, please complete and submit a registration form to the Visitor Center by Saturday, May 30, 2015. Email forms to Shirley.J.Lapole@nasa.gov or mail forms to NASA WFF Visitor Center, Building J-20, Wallops Island VA 23337.

All entries must be submitted or postmarked by Saturday, June 13, 2015.

The first 50 artists to register will receive a free “Art & the Cosmic Connections” poster!

Contest Guidelines

Teachers, parents, or youth group leaders must complete a registration form by Saturday, May 30, 2015 in order for students art work to be accepted. Once your registration form has been submitted and processed you will receive an artwork identification form by email to submit with the original artwork. You will print out and complete a separate form for each artwork that you submit.

- All artwork must depict the contest theme of “Art & the Cosmic Connection”. Exceptions will not be judged.
- Entries must be submitted or postmarked by Saturday, June 13, 2015. Late entries will not be judged.
- All entries will be returned to originator after exhibition at the Visitor Center during the 2nd week of September.

Subject Matter

- Student's artwork must depict one of the numerous images collected by NASA's missions in support of the theme “Art & the Cosmic Connection” which includes images of planets, moons, asteroids, comets, galaxies, and sun.
- Images can be found here: <http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery>
- “Art & the Cosmic Connection” curriculum and resources can be found here:

<http://discovery.nasa.gov/art/>

- “Art & the Cosmic Connection” Educator Guide can be found here:
http://discovery.nasa.gov/art/pdfs/Art_CosmicConnection_EdGuide.pdf

Artwork

- Student's artwork must be original. Photographs, computer-generated images, and traced images will not be judged.
- Student must identify the NASA image and mission the artwork is depicting or inspired from on the artwork identification form when submitted.
- Media types may consist of crayon, ink, acrylic, water color, colored pencils, pastels, oil paint, chalk, plain black pencil or charcoal.
- Size – must be 8 ½" x 11" or smaller. Matted, mounted, framed, laminated, or folded artwork will NOT be judged.
- Each entry must include a fully-completed artwork identification form that is TAPED to the back of the artwork – no paperclips, staples, or glue.



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Judging

- An esteemed panel of judges will choose winners in four categories: grades pre-K - 2, grades 3 – 5, grades 6 – 8, grades 9 – 12. Each category will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place winner. There will also be one grand prize winner and one people's choice winner. The judges will pay particular attention to the theme "Art & the Cosmic Connection" in choosing the grand prize winner.
- The art will be judged on the basis of four primary artistic elements:
 - CONCEPT – How well does the work relate to the "Art & the Cosmic Connection" theme?
 - COMPOSITION – How well do the elements of line and form work together?
 - COLOR – How does color enhance the artwork?
 - EXPRESSION – How creatively does the work convey an idea or emotion?

Prizes

The Grand Prize winner will receive an "ART FLIGHT" – their artwork will be flown on the C-130 aircraft during an upcoming mission as well as an Art Set full of supplies!

People's Choice and winners of each grade category will receive art supplies, award certificates, and other NASA items.

All contest participants will receive a Certificate of Participation upon return of their artwork.

Exhibition

The Wallops Flight Facility 70th Anniversary Youth Art Contest entries will be on display at the Visitor Center from Friday, June 26th through Saturday, September 5th 2015.

Opening Reception

An opening reception will be held on Friday, June 26th from 5 – 7 pm.

Judging

Judging will occur immediately after the opening reception. Judging will not be open to the public. People's Choice will be judged by the visiting public during the Opening Reception on June 26th.

Award Ceremony

Winners will be announced and presented with prizes at the WFF 70th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, June 27th on the Main Base.

Dates to Remember

Registration Deadline: Saturday, May 30th 2015

Submission Deadline: Saturday, June 13th 2015

Opening Reception: Friday, June 26th 2015 from 5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Judging: Friday, June 26th 2015 beginning at 7 p.m.

Award Ceremony: Saturday, June 27th on the Main Base at the Open House.

Exhibition: The Artwork will be on display beginning Friday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 5th 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT THE WFF VISITOR CENTER WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
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