



2016 YOUTH ART CONTEST & COMMUNITY ART SHOW

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The National Cherry Blossom Festival welcomes spring and commemorates the 1912 gift of over 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The gift and annual celebration honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries. More than one hundred years later, cherry trees beautify many neighborhoods in the greater Washington, DC region and the blooming of the cherry blossoms has become a symbol of springtime across the country.

2016 CONTEST THEME

In 2016 we celebrate 50 years of kite flying on the National Mall and honor the National Park Service centennial. Create artwork that incorporates flying a kite on the grounds of the Washington Monument or other memorials with cherry trees.

Refer to the Resource Guide on page 3 for ideas.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in DC Public and Public Charter Schools, Grades K-12
Grade groupings for judging are as follows: K-2; 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12

GUIDELINES

All entries **must** adhere to the contest theme as described above.

- One entry per student. No more than ten entries per school.
- Group submissions are not eligible for the contest.
- All entries must include a completed Entry Form on the back of each artwork. ***Please note: Artwork submitted with an incomplete or no Entry Form will be not be accepted.***

Required Sizes for Artwork: 18"x24" paper. *Size restriction must be adhered to. The Cherry Blossom Festival Staff will be mounting each piece of artwork on 20x30 foam core board.*

Additional Artistic Parameters:

- Materials and media that may be used in artwork include fabric, papers, glitter, markers, watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, acrylic paints, tissue paper, etc.
Recommendation: When working with pastels, please spray artwork so it does not smudge. Please limit the use of beads or other glued items that may easily fall off during transport.
- Secondary grades may use digital computer-generated art
- Prepared lettering within the artwork is accepted but should be minimal.
- The theme does not have to be written or printed on the artwork.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 7, 2016

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Art teachers should contact the Youth Art Contest Coordinator prior to submitting student work by email at youthart@downtowndc.org, if possible so that receipt of submissions can be confirmed. Teachers may also fill out the [Electronic Submission Form](#) in advance of submitting the artwork.

Teachers may submit artwork at four locations on or before **Monday, March 7, 2016:**

Kamala Subramanian
SEED Public Charter School
4300 C Street SE
Washington, DC 20019

Stephanie Blyskal
National Cherry Blossom Festival
1250 H Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Greta Schorn
Amidon Bowen Elementary School
401 I (Eye) Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Maame Adum-Bawuah
Brookland Middle School
1150 Michigan Ave NE,
Washington, DC 20017

JUDGING

Entries will be judged on adherence to the theme, creativity, and originality by a panel of judges and the overall winner of the contest will be selected by a public vote.

Judges will determine a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each grade category and reserve the right not to award all prizes. Judges' decisions will be final. Based on the top 12 entries the judges select, the public will vote on a "People's Choice" entry on the Festival's Facebook account during the Festival from March 20 – April 17, 2016.

PRIZES

Each entrant will receive a Certificate of Participation and a pencil. Contest winners will receive special prizes, and be invited to an Awards Reception on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Submissions* will be showcased in a Community Art Show at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery from Tuesday, March 22 – Tuesday, April 19, 2016.



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EDISON PLACE
GALLERY

Location: 702 Eighth Street NW
Hours: Tuesday-Friday, Noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

*Please note that not all submissions may be displayed in the exhibition based on space constraints. All artwork will be available for pick-up or returned to the submission locations in May.



**The National Cherry Blossom Festival is proud to present the
2016 Youth Art Contest with the DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative.**



Special thanks to our supporters:



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

National Cherry Blossom Festival – Stephanie Blyskal, Events and Community Outreach Assistant
sblyskal@ncbfdc.org or 202.638.8364

DC Collaborative— Tracey Wyton, Program Director tracey@dccollaborative.org or 202.587.1627

National Cherry Blossom Festival

2016 YOUTH ART CONTEST RESOURCE GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Youth Art Contest presented with the DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative. Prior to creating artwork, please review the 2016 guidelines, theme, and the resources below.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RELATED TO THE CONTEST THEME

Please use these resources to help your students learn about kite flying and the monuments and memorials in their city, the National Park Service and how the cherry trees are a key feature of the National Mall.

Picture taking your kite to fly near the cherry trees planted near one of the monuments in Washington, DC:

- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- Memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Washington Monument
- Japanese American Memorial

What will the kite(s) in your artwork look like?

- Incorporate different shapes, sizes, and designs
- Shapes and sizes can be related to the sport of kite flying and it's relation to STEM
- Different cultures fly kites around the globe – design a kite that represents a particular culture
- Incorporate a kite design that commemorates the National Park Service centennial.

Who will you be with?

- Kite flying can be a leisurely activity for all ages
- Kite flying as a sport



SUBMISSION CHECK LIST

Below is a list of reminders to ensure that student artwork is eligible for judging:

- Each piece of artwork was created by one student
- Pre-select the BEST work from your class and limit the number of entries to 10 per school.
- The student has addressed the 2016 theme in his/her artwork
- The artwork must be completed on 18x24 paper
- The identification form should be filled out by each student and affixed to the back of each piece of artwork
- Fill out the [Electronic Submission Form](#) PRIOR to dropping off your artwork
- Please make sure to provide your contact phone and email so we can notify you about the Community Art Show and contest results



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IDENTIFICATION FORM DC Public and Public Charter Schools

STUDENT

STEP 1 - Complete Identification Form

STEP 2 - Attach the Identification form to the back of your entry.

ART TEACHERS

STEP 1 – Please **DOUBLE CHECK** Identification Forms for accuracy and legibility.

STEP 2 – Fill out the [Electronic Submission Form](#) for each student.

STEP 3 – Deliver entries and release forms to submission locations by **Monday, March 7, 2016.**

IMPORTANT: Prior to delivering art to the Festival office contact sblyskal@ncbfdc.org or 202.638.8364.

IDENTIFICATION FORM

(Filled out by the student artist and art teacher)

School Name:

Art Teacher Name:

Art Teacher Phone:

Art Teacher Email:

Principal Name:

Student's Name:

Grade:

Age:

Artwork Title:

Brief description about how the art incorporates the 2016 Contest theme:

Material(s) used for Artwork:



2016 National Cherry Blossom Festival Youth Art Contest & Community Art Show Release Form



(Please Print in Black or Blue Ink Only)

Child's Full Name _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

I will:

1. Allow my child (listed above) to participate in the 2016 National Cherry Blossom Festival Youth Art Contest & Community Art Show ("Event") presented by the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. ("NCBF") and DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative ("DCAHEC").

2. Acknowledge that my child will not be compensated for his or her participation in the Event.

3. Assume all risks of personal and property injury or loss that may occur related to my child's participating in the Event. Along with my heirs, executors and administrators, I waive all current and future legal claims against NCBF, DCAHEC, and each of their respective sponsors, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, "Presenters").

4. Allow the Presenters, without reservation, limitation or additional compensation, to record, in any media, and to use, broadcast or produce derivative works from, and to grant others the right to use, broadcast or produce derivative works from, in any media and for all time, any or all of the following: my child's full name, school, age, grade, likeness, voice, artwork entered into the Event.

Intending to be legally bound, I sign this Release on the date below.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian