

DEADLINE Wednesday, March 4, 2015

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Art teachers should contact Catalina Stawski 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 [online entry form](#) in advance of submitting the artwork.

Teachers may submit artwork at three locations on or before **Wednesday, March 4, 2015**:

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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 from March 20 . April 17, 2015.

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 Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Submissions* will be showcased in a Community Art Show at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery from Friday, March 20 . Friday, April 17, 2015.



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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.

OPENING RECEPTION

Gallery hours will be extended exclusively for all DC public and public charter schools on Friday, March 20 for an Opening Reception from 4-8 PM.



The National Cherry Blossom Festival is proud to present the
2015 Youth Art Contest with the DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative.



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

National Cherry Blossom Festival - youthart@downtowndc.org or 240.381.3025
DC Collaborative - info@dccollaborative.org or 202.587.1627

National Cherry Blossom Festival

2015 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 2015 guidelines, theme, and the resources below.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RELATED TO THE CONTEST THEME

Please use these resources to help your students learn about new artists and see their natural world in new ways. Ask students to think of how to visually depict our natural world as represented through the cherry trees or their surroundings. ***Where can students find beauty in the details and shades of the blossoms, the texture of the bark, the bend of the trees?***

Trees

Blossom Kids, Cherry tree flash cards . Visit the Festival website and Blossom Kids webpage to find details about different types of cherry trees. Website: nationalcherryblossomfestival.org

National Park Service, Cherry Trees . Discover which varieties of cherry trees can be found throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Website: nps.gov/cherry/cherry-trees.htm

US National Arboretum . Learn about more varieties of cherry trees through tree fact sheets about Prunus . First Lady and Prunus . Helen Taft. Website: usna.usda.gov/Newintro/awards.html

Casey Trees- Educational resources on Arbor Kids provide useful facts about trees in general. Website: caseytrees.org/programs/education/kids

Naturalist Artists

- Mark Catesby
- John James Audubon
- Maria Sibylla Merian
- Maruyama Okyo
- Ito Jakuchu . Visit the National Gallery of Art's information about an exhibit hosted in 2012. Website: <http://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/jakuchuinfo.shtm>

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 2015 theme in his/her artwork

The identification form should be filled out by each student and affixed to the back of each piece of artwork.

Fill out the [electronic 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.



2015 YOUTH ART CONTEST

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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 forms for accuracy and legibility.

STEP 2 . Fill out the electronic submission form for each student if possible.

STEP 3 . Deliver entries and release forms to submission locations by Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

IMPORTANT: Prior to delivering art to the Festival office contact Catalina Stawski at youthart@downtowndc.org or 240.381.3025

IDENTIFICATION FORM

(Filled out by the student artist)

School:

Student's Name:

Grade:

Age:

Medium(s):

Title:

Brief description about how the art shows the 2015 theme:

Art Teacher Name:



2015 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 2015 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