



Union County Heritage Festival Middle School Art Contest

Theme: *Thriving with Nature*

Nature is all around us. Spending time in nature makes us feel good; it makes us Thrive! Connecting with nature benefits us mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Let's take the time and get outdoors!

The Union County Extension Master Gardeners and the Heritage Festival Committee are hosting the Union County Heritage Festival Middle School Art Contest. Submitted artwork should reflect the theme 'Thriving with Nature'. Join us in spreading the word about the importance of spending time in nature.

2022 Heritage Festival Art Contest Rules

Eligibility

- All Union County middle school students (public, private or home school) registered in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year are eligible.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Only one entry is allowed per student.

The Artwork

- Art should reflect the theme 'Thriving with Nature'.
- Students may choose any materials they wish to create a mixed media work of art.
- Two- and three-dimensional work is allowed.
- Maximum size of the project is 2'x2'x2'.

Submission Requirements

- Submissions should be made via email by the student's parent or guardian. The subject line should read "**2022 HF Art Contest**".
- The entries must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, August 31 to: Jennifer Crumpler jennifer.crumpler@unioncountync.gov **Into the body of the email please:**

List the student's name, age, grade level, school or home school cooperative, home address, parent or guardian's name, and phone number.

Also include: the title of the artwork, a brief 1-3 sentence artist statement explaining what inspired the work, how it illustrates the theme 'Thriving with Nature' in Union County, and the types of materials used. Please affix the title of the piece and the students name to the back of the artwork before delivery to the Ag Center.

Please attach: one full-size digital photograph of the artwork as a pdf file, and the signed waiver (page 3)

Delivery of Artwork

- Artwork must be delivered to the Ag Center (3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112) on Friday September 9th between 2:00 and 6:00pm. All submitted artwork will be displayed at the Heritage Festival on September 17th.

Selection of Winners

- A panel on the Heritage Festival Committee will review all of the actual artwork after it is received and choose the top 3 entries. Submissions will be judged by creativity, artistic merit, and how well the theme Thriving with Nature is represented.
- The crowd favorite will be determined at the 2022 Heritage Festival by most votes earned by 1:00pm.
- The awards presentation will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 2:00pm at the Union County Heritage Festival.
- Artwork may be retrieved immediately after the festival, between 4-5pm. Artwork not retrieved at that time can be picked up Sunday, September 18th between 12:00 and 3:00pm at the Ag Center.
- If student is not able to attend the award presentation on September 17th the gift card and Award Certificate will be mailed.

Prizes

- 1st place will receive a \$100 gift card, 2nd place a \$50.00 gift card, 3rd place a \$25.00 gift card, and crowd favorite a \$25.00 gift card.
- The winning submissions will be posted on Facebook and on the Heritage Festival Website after the Festival, and included in a Press Release.

Important dates:

Wednesday, June 1: Submissions accepted today through August 31

Wednesday, August 31: Deadline for initial emailed submissions

Friday, September 9: Delivery of actual artwork to Ag Center (2:00-6:00pm)

Saturday, September 17: 2:00pm Awards Ceremony at Heritage Festival

Saturday, September 17: 4:00-5:00pm Artwork can be taken home

Sunday, September 18: Pick up Artwork at Ag Center (12:00-3:00pm)

Please direct questions to: Jennifer Crumpler, Union County Recycling Coordinator, 704-296-4213
jennifer.crumpler@unioncountync.gov.



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2022 Union County Heritage Festival Middle School Art Contest Consent and Release

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby irrevocably give Union County, North Carolina (the "County") and North Carolina Cooperative Extension (the "Extension") the irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use, reproduce, publish, re-publish, and exhibit (1) my submission for the Contest (the "Submission"), and (2) photographic, audio, or video depictions of me and my likeness, for any lawful purpose, including, but not limited to, public relations, promotions, marketing, and educational programs through any form of media. These forms of media include, but are not limited to, the internet, social media, television, radio, cable, print, and audio. This right and permission is given voluntarily, in perpetuity, and without financial compensation. I waive all rights to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to any use, reproduction, publication, re-publication, and exhibition of the Submission or any photographic, audio, or video depictions of me.

This right and permission includes the right to modify and retouch any photographic, audio, or video depictions, as well as the Submission, at the County's discretion. I waive any right to inspect or approve any finished product, including written or electronic copy, related to the Submission or any photographic, audio, or video depictions of my likeness.

I understand and agree that the Submission, as well as any photographic, audio, or video depictions of me will be owned by the County and the Extension. I further understand that the Submission and any photographic, audio, or video depictions of me may not be returned to me. I also understand that neither the County nor the Extension has any obligation to make any use of the Submission or any other of the above referenced material. I understand that the circulation of the Submission or any other of the above referenced materials could be worldwide.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge, the County, the Extension, and their respective officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnitees") from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action which I may have related to the Contest; the Submission; any photographic, audio, or video depictions of me, or this Consent and Release. I agree to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Indemnitees from and against any and all losses, professional fees, costs, damages, and other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of the Contest; the Submission; any photographic, audio, or video depictions of me, or this Consent and Release.

I represent and warrant that I am legally competent to execute this Consent and Release. If I am under the age of 18, my parent or legal guardian represents and warrants that he or she is legally competent to execute this Consent and Release. Furthermore, if I am under the age of 18, my parent or legal guardian hereby gives permission for me to make a Submission and agrees to this Consent and Release on my behalf and on his or her own behalf.

This Consent and Release contains the entire agreement between the parties and is governed by North Carolina law. This Consent and Release shall inure to the benefit of the County and the Extension, and shall bind me, or, if I am under the age of 18, my parent or legal guardian, along with my and their heirs, legal representatives, assigns, and successors in interest.

My signature below indicates I have fully read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions herein. This Consent and Release shall be in full force and effect upon signing.

Printed Name ("Participant"): _____

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Date:** _____