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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2012 COLORADO JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

Note to Editors: Pdf File of Winning Artwork Available Upon Request

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced Kal Athannassov, a 17 year old student from Vista Ridge High School in Colorado Springs, took top honors by winning the “Best of Show” in Colorado at the 2012 Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Kal’s artwork was selected from hundreds of amazing entries from across Colorado. His acrylic paint rendition of a Black-bellied Whistling Duck, entitled "Serenity," will represent Colorado and be entered at the National Junior Duck Stamp Competition in Washington, D.C. at the end of April.

Kal’s winning entry can be viewed on the Service’s website at: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie>

More information about the junior duck stamp program is available at: <http://www.fws.gov/twoponds/jds2009.html>

Entries from Colorado were judged by a panel of waterfowl enthusiasts, biologists and professional wildlife artists. Recognition for all participants and prizes for the top 25 drawings in each of four age groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) are awarded each year.

This year’s award ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 12th from 1-3pm at The Arvada Center for The Performing Arts. Noreen Walsh, the Service’s Assistant Regional Director for the Mountain-Prairie Region, will be the keynote speaker and will help honor the winners at the Award Ceremony. All members of the public, including teachers, students, and families are welcome to join the celebration.

First Place winners in all (age) categories:

Best of Show – Kal Athannassov (17), Colorado Springs

1st – Kristine Padgett (18), Littleton

1st – Corinne Dubovsky (17), Littleton

1st - Kal Athannassov (17), Colorado Springs

1st – Bryce Dalrymple (14), Colorado Springs

1st – Undarmaa Bandi (12), Denver

1st – Jennifer Tsogtsaikhan (12), Denver

1st – Cassidy Maggilti (11), Superior

1st – Connor Dalrymple (10) Colorado Springs

1st – Liam Reed (9), Boulder

1st – Samuel Zewdu (8), Ft. Collins

1st – Serenity DeLorme (7), Ft. Collins

1st – Kyla Reed (7), Boulder

Second Place winners in all (age) categories:

2nd – Summer Trent (18), Glenwood Springs

2nd – Hannah Johnson (17), Colorado Springs

2nd – Anisa Heins (16), Broomfield

2nd – Colby Johnson (15), Colorado Springs

2nd – Tate Dupon (14), Carr



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- 2nd – Ryan Klimek (13), Colorado Springs
- 2nd – Adrian Nagy (10), Colorado Springs
- 2nd – Parker Johnson (10), Colorado Springs
- 2nd – Teodor Cariov (10), Boulder
- 2nd – Owen Haughey (9), Boulder
- 2nd – Evelyn Cuffaro (8), Louisville
- 2nd – Justin Badral (5), Denver

Third Place winners in all (age) categories:

- 3rd – Laura McAninch (17), Fairplay
- 3rd – Nicole Dalager (16), Littleton
- 3rd – Sydnee Dupon (16), Carr
- 3rd – Jared Klimek (15), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Jake Johnson (13), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Melody Sutherland (13), Windsor
- 3rd – Paul Nagy (12), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Colby Dalrymple (12), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Maxwell Lynch (10), Blackhawk
- 3rd – Sydney Stanley (9), Ft. Collins
- 3rd – Anagrace Johnson (8), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Mason Walker (8), Boulder

Honorable Mention winners in all (age) categories:

- HM – Colter Rex (18), Golden
- HM – Katelyn Noel (17), Highlands Ranch
- HM – Ember Coolbaugh (17), Fairplay
- HM – Emma Erickson (17), Lakewood
- HM – Jenna McKellips (17), Lakewood
- HM – Jacelynn Day (17), Littleton
- HM – Maria Oskey (17), Littleton
- HM – Molly Secora (17), Morrison
- HM – Glory Chitwood (16), Fairplay
- HM – Natasha Lovato (16), Monument
- HM – Chris Carpenter (16), Fairplay
- HM – Crysta Alcorn (16), Alma
- HM – Nadya Lyapunova (16), Erie
- HM – Kaeli Mueller (15), Golden
- HM – Andrea Londono (15), Littleton
- HM – Ian Gannon (15), Fairplay
- HM – Victoria Husher (15), Fairplay
- HM – Rae Navin (14), Fairplay
- HM – Madysyn Sneed (14), Fairplay
- HM – Madeleine Sargent (14), Erie
- HM – Sophia Lovato (14), Monument
- HM – Sarah Daley (14), Lakewood
- HM – Israel Martinez (14), Fairplay
- HM – Amara Burrell (13), Colorado Springs
- HM – Peyton Nussbaum (13), Colorado Springs
- HM – Ella Sarina (13), Englewood
- HM – Marina Boiko (12), Longmont



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HM – Elijah Gonzales (13), Arvada
HM – Valyria McFarland (13), Centennial
HM – Desire Espana (13), Colorado Springs
HM – Kendall Nussbaum (13), Colorado Springs
HM – Emilee Haefeli (12), Del Norte
HM – Jill Weaver (12), Colorado Springs
HM – Rojika Sharma (12), Colorado Springs
HM – Bella Betts (12), Boulder
HM – Benjamin Yerich (12), Highlands Ranch
HM – Beau Farago (11), Loveland
HM – Kaitlynn Hogan (11), Lafayette
HM – Addison Spears (11), Berthoud
HM – Jacqueline Zepeda (11), Colorado Springs
HM – Yvette Villarreal (11), Elbert
HM – Luke Yerich (10), Highlands Ranch
HM – Gabriel Dupon (10), Carr
HM – Sierra Poulson (10), Elbert
HM – Vika Shoykhet (10), Broomfield
HM – Elili Brown (10), Boulder
HM – Gloria Miller (10), Boulder
HM – Miranda Sutherland (9), Windsor
HM – Connor Lee (9), Boulder
HM – Maggie Ryan (9), Boulder
HM – Gabrielle Franklin (8), Windsor
HM – Grady Clark (8), Boulder
HM – Jake Sanders (8), Boulder
HM – Jack Linder (8), Boulder
HM – Marco Volekens (8), Boulder
HM – Zoe McKinley (8), Erie
HM – Andy McMahon (8), Broomfield
HM – Stella Olson (8), Broomfield
HM – Eli Salo (8), Boulder
HM – Brendan Stanley (7), Ft. Collins
HM – Kira Wilhelmi (7), Longmont
HM – Sebastia Pujet (6), Boulder
HM – Addison Hart (6), Loveland
HM – Chloe Johnson (5), Colorado Springs

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an educational program designed for all public, private, and home schooled students in grades k-12 to learn more about waterfowl and habitat conservation. Incorporating scientific and wildlife management principles into visual arts curriculum creates an active awareness of the critical need to protect, preserve and enhance our wetland habitat for waterfowl, migratory songbirds, and the hundreds of other plants and animals that depend on wetlands for their survival.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.



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