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West Linn Student Wins the Oregon 2010 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition

Christine Swanson, an 18 year-old high school senior from West Linn, has won Best of Show for Oregon. Her acrylic painting of a ring-necked duck will be representing Oregon in the 2010 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest to be held on April 23rd at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Christine submitted her artwork with the unconditional support of her family. Her artistic abilities have been recognized by her family since a very early age. Christine's mom even lets her 'paint' on the dining room table. She has recently started her own website www.christinejoypaintings.com where she proudly shares her accomplishments with everyone.

This is Christine's fourth year entering the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition and her second Best of Show win for Oregon. She has also received a first place and a second place for her grade category. Christine has received honors for her art at the Oregon State Fair, where she received the People's Choice Award three years in a row. You can see all of her awards listed on her website.

As of this past year, Christine has started to teach some after school art classes at her former school, Horizon Christian Elementary. She is doing one class for 1st and 2nd graders and then another for 3rd through 6th graders and has found this new experience of sharing her abilities with others very rewarding. Christine is planning on attending Warner Pacific College in the fall as well as taking some art classes in the Portland area.

The 1st place winner of the National competition will have his or her artwork portrayed on the 2010 Junior Duck Stamp. With this honor, they will be awarded a \$5,000 cash award and the national winner, one parent or guardian, and the winner's teacher will receive a free trip to participate in the First Day of Sale ceremony in late June/early July. The second place National winner will receive \$3,000 and the third place will receive \$2,000.

A five judge panel had the challenge of selecting Christine's entry from the 329 entries received from throughout Oregon. The judging for the Oregon competition was held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office in Portland on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. This year's judges were Mark Nebeker, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bruce Taylor, Oregon Habitat Joint Venture; Peter Mathios, Freelance Artist; and Jennifer Corwin, Environmental Protection Specialist for the Federal Highway Administration. The coordinator for the Oregon competition is Pam Johnson, Administrative Officer for the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Newport.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program is a nationwide competition, sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which integrates art and science in a curriculum that fosters student awareness and appreciation of waterfowl and wetlands through artistic talent. Public, private, and home school students from kindergarten through twelfth grade are encouraged to compete in this unique "conservation through the arts" program.

Junior Duck Stamps can be purchased for \$5.00 at the U.S. Postal Service or from Amplex Corporation Consignees. Proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamps support conservation education, awards and scholarships.

The top 36 results of the Oregon 2010 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition are as follows:

Best of Show: Christine Swanson, Age 18, Renaissance School of Fine Art

GRADES K-3

1st Place: Elaine Zheng, Age 9, Sun Century Art Class, Portland
Samantha Hsu, Age 9, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland
Rohan Wagh, Age 7, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland

2nd Place: Anushka Gupta, Age 6, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland
Angela Xie, Age 7, Jiao Ying Chinese Culture & Art School, Pdx
Serim Jin, Age 9, Findley Elementary School, Portland

3rd Place: Aaron Ha, Age 8, Class Academy, Portland
Felix Tse, Age 7, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland
Devin Leigh, Age 7, Creative Minds Art Studio, Portland

GRADES 4-6

1st Place: Rachel Ha, Age 11, Class Academy, Portland
Jordan Lei, Age 11, Jiao Ying Chinese Culture & Art School, Pdx
Raymond Luo, Age 11, Sun Century Art Class, Portland

2nd Place: Yuan Zhang, Age 11, Sun Century Art Class, Portland
Kristen Yeoh, Age 11, Sun Century Art Class, Portland
Rona Wang, Age 11, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland

3rd Place: Jessica Pon, Age 11, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Beaverton
Oliver Streck, Age 11, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Portland
Sanjana Chandhok, Age 10, Art Classes with Ingrid Harper, Bvrton

GRADES 7-9

1st Place: Megan Roluffs, Age 15, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Tigard
Amy Roluffs, Age 15, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Tigard
Yulie Park, Age 13, Cedar Park Middle School, Portland

2nd Place: Shreya Jain, Age 14, Sun Century Art Class, Beaverton
Emily Southgate, Age 13, St. Stephens Academy, Portland
Wan Lee, Age 12, International School of Beaverton, Beaverton

3rd Place: Isabel Chen, Age 13, Sun Century Art Class, Portland
Que Yun Xiao, Age 13, Sun Century Art Class, Portland
Jimmy Jia, Age 14, Sun Century Art Class, Portland

GRADES 10-12

1st Place: Cameron Coupé, Age 16, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Tigard
Andrea Fisher, Age 18, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Tigard

2nd Place: Lillian Thomas, Age 15, Art: Language of the Self, Ashland
Dylan Ivanish, Age 18, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Tualatin
Erica Bailey, Age 18, Classes with Eva Wheeler, Joseph

3rd Place: Therese Chen, Age 16, Portland
Jayna Lack, Age 17, Hidden Valley High School, Grants Pass
Ezra Boden, Age 15, Renaissance School of Fine Art, Hillsboro

For information, please contact Pam Johnson, Oregon Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator or Roy W. Lowe, Project Leader, Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex (541) 867-4550.

Conservation Message Winner for Oregon

Ally Chang, Age 12 from Portland

“Conservation is a way of life, conserving nature makes the world a more beautiful place for all.”

Honorable Mention Winners

(no particular order)

Chelsey Chase, Portland
Paige Kracke, Portland
Priyanka Joshi, Portland
Sumiran Chandhok, Beaverton
Joanna Pon, Beaverton (top 10)
James Hsu, Tigard
Mallika Moghe, Portland
Anya Bohra, Portland
Nysa Gohil, Portland
Soumik Chakraborty, Portland
Anushka Naiknaware, Portland
Mihir Keskar, Beaverton
Stuti Garg, Portland
Anusha Bohra, Portland
Galen Tse, Portland
Urvi Joshi, Portland
Anna Barrett, Beaverton

Emily Myhre, Beaverton
Nishka Maheshwary, Portland
Isabelle Zheng, Portland
Nina Khare, Beaverton
Kaitlyn Harvey, John Day
Andie Kelley, Canyon City
Justin Joslin, Mount Vernon
Haley Olson, Mount Vernon
Brianna Murphy, John Day
Mariah Frazier, Canyon City
Ethan Adams, John Day
Levi Gagnon, John Day
Kyle Weymouth, Canyon City
Lindsey Weymouth, Canyon City
Sterling Mier, Tigard (top 10)
Madison Mier, Tigard
Avery Branen, Tigard

Emilie Winchester, Portland
Valerie Rehrig, Hillsboro
Julianna Jasper, Portland
Ellie Esau, Tigard
Sophia Hamilton, Beaverton
Naomi Porter, Lake Oswego
Catherine Kane, Portland
Olga Gulyy, Gresham
Christen Colvin, Buxton
Jordyn Breneman, Portland
Rachelle Swope-Whorley, Grnts Ps
Sarah Hansen, Gaston
Gabriel Camilli, Frest Grve (10)
Peter Ross, Forest Grove

Maryann Concannon, Portland
Eric Wang, Portland

Akshat Nema, Portland
Preeta Hopwood, Portland
Xueyin Wen, Beaverton
Nancy Wu, Portland
Rose Shan, Beaverton (top 10)
Kathy Guo, Portland
Thomas Chen, Beaverton
Brian Yang, Portland
Suhui Zhang, Beaverton
Haifeng Liu, Portland
Jennifer Zhu, Portland
Jessica Xiao, Tigard
Elaine Yang, Portland
Jennifer Lo, Portland