

# News Release

## *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge*

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### **Youth Art Contest Celebrates 2018 World Migratory Bird Day**

**Chincoteague, VA:** It's that time of year, when aspiring young artists are encouraged to showcase their talent by entering a children's art contest sponsored by the Historic Main Street Merchants Association. This annual art contest is open to multiple grade levels: K - 2 grades; 3 - 5 grades; 6 - 8 grades, and 9 - 12 grades and helps to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, May 12.

"The Historic Main Street Merchants Association is happy to sponsor this children's art contest every year. We recognize it as a great way to connect children with nature in our local area and highlight the beauty of birds," said Jeanne Rose, President.

First, second and third place winners in each age group will receive cash prizes donated by Tommy Clark, owner of Don's Seafood Restaurant.

All entries must be an original drawing of a migratory bird that can be seen at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. This is a freestyle art contest. Your drawing may be in pencil, ink, crayon, paint or some other medium of your choosing. There is no size requirement and the picture should not be framed.

Be sure to include: World Migratory Bird Day Student Art Contest, your full name, address, home phone number, grade level, and name of school on the back of your drawing.

Entries should be mailed or delivered to the Comfort Suites, 4195 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336 on or before April 23, 2018. The artwork will be on display in the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center during the celebration. Winners will be notified the week before and prizes will be presented May 12, at noon, in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge auditorium.

Any questions, please contact Chase Sands at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge 757-336-6122 x 2315.

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