

2016 Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest Winners Announced for Wyoming!

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced the winners of the 2016 Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program. Exactly 500 art entries were received from around the state, from kids in kindergarten up to 12th grade. Students also can include a “conservation message” with their art, which summarizes what they learned through the program. Jesse Erickson, age 16, of Powell, WY submitted this year’s winning conservation message:

“Conserving wetlands and wildlife habitats is crucial not only for the wildlife, but also for future generations of people.”

Wyoming’s 2016 Best of Show artwork, pictured below, is an oil painting of a harlequin drake, titled “Symphony of Blues” by Bailey Schupp, age 15, of Pinedale, WY.



Bailey Schupp’s oil painting of the harlequin drake and Jesse Erickson’s conservation message will both advance on to represent Wyoming at the 2016 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest which will be held April 22nd at the J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Sanibel, FL. The artwork chosen by the panel of judges for Best of Show honors at the national level and will be used to create a National Junior Duck

Stamp which will be released in June of 2016. The Junior Duck Stamp is available for \$5 from the U.S. Postal Service, Amplex Corporation, and from many National Wildlife Refuges, as well as at www.duckstamp.com. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps support conservation education and provide awards and scholarships for students, teachers and schools participating in the Junior Duck Stamp Program.

Wyoming's Junior Duck Stamp Program also awards a "Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award" to the younger age group, K – 3rd grades, to an artist the judges feel exhibits exemplary artistic promise. This year's Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award went to Tori Linger, age 7, of Wilson, WY for a watercolor pencil and oil pastel depiction of a mallard drake titled "nice sunny day," which is pictured below.



This dynamic educational program uses both conservation and design principles to teach wetland habitat and waterfowl biology to students in kindergarten through high school. The program provides an opportunity for students to artistically express their knowledge of the diversity, interdependence and beauty of wildlife and their habitat. Educational guides for youth, educators, home school, and non-traditional education are available through the Junior Duck Stamp Program. Please visit www.fws.gov/juniorduck or contact Katie Theule (307) 413-8157 or Katie_Theule@fws.gov for copies.

A big thank you goes out to Ducks Unlimited, who helped provide prizes and support for Wyoming's program. We would like to especially thank this year's contest judges who donated their time and expertise,

listed in order pictured below, from left to right: Laurie Thoman of W & M Thoman Ranches LLC; Greg Nelson of Ducks Unlimited; Hillary and Nick Walrath of Trout Unlimited; and Andrew Kneeland, winner of the 2015 National Junior Duck Stamp Best of Show.

- The judges are each holding one of the top five entries for the state contest, the artwork left to right is -
- Bailey Schupp's, of Pinedale "Symphony of Blues" of a harlequin drake-Best of Show (BOS).
 - Katelyn Perkins's, of Cokeville "Coming Home" featuring two American black duck drakes, 2nd Runner Up for BOS.
 - Brianna Simmons's, of Powell "Fulvous Whistling Duck" of a fulvous whistling duck, 4th Runner Up for BOS.
 - Cheyenne Reed's, of Cokeville "Afternoon Sit and Chat" of a trumpeter swan pair, Runner Up for BOS.
 - Kayla Perkins's, of Cokeville "Blue Skies" of a mallard drake, 3rd Runner Up for BOS.



The contest was judged in four age groups, Group I included Kindergarten through 3rd grade, Group II - 4th grade through 6th grade, Group III - 7th grade through 9th grade, and Group IV - 10th grade through 12th grade. The following is a list of first, second, and third places, as well as the honorable mentions and recognition for creativity from each group for student's Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program artwork.

* Indicates the artwork was recognized by the judges for outstanding creativity through the pose, composition, use of color etc. Some of the artwork recognized for creativity did not place and are listed after the honorable mentions in each age group.

Group I (grades K-3):

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1 st *	Hudson	Himmerich	8	Cokeville
1st*	Samuel	Darman	9	Kelly
1st-Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award	Tori	Linger	9	Wilson
2nd	Taylor	Moe	7	Wilson
2nd	John	Horstman	7	Wilson
2nd	Genevieve	Jenkins	9	Wilson
3rd	Blaze	Plowman	8	Cokeville
3rd	Kayson	Walker	9	Cokeville
3rd	Lyla	Romero- Erlanson	8	Moran
HM	Kalob	Haderlie	8	Cokeville
HM	Kanyon	Luthi	7	Cokeville
HM	Trip	Reece	8	Cokeville
HM	Beau	Jackman	7	Cokeville
HM	Sammy	Lehman	8	Gillette
HM	Leila-Coco	Ramkowsky	9	Jackson
HM	Alison	Burcham	9	Kelly
HM	Cooper	Guild	8	Kelly
HM	Evelyn	Klein	9	Moran
HM	Tyne	Guillory	8	Wilson
HM	Eli	Byinton	8	Wilson
HM	Lily	Steinberg	7	Wilson
HM	Bradford	King	9	Wilson
HM	Liam	Thompson	8	Wilson
HM	Lena	Poduska	8	Wilson
HM	Joseph	McJunkin	9	Wilson
Creative Recognition:				
*	Daxton	Pope	7	Cokeville
*	Isabella	Wolfgang	5	Wilson

Group II (grades 4-6):

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st	Libby	Logan	12	Guernsey
1st	Taylor	Glick	11	Wilson
1st*	Acacia	Laprade	11	Wilson
2nd	Justin	Castagno	10	Moran
2nd*	Drake	Plowman	9	Cokeville
2nd*	Natalia	Raciborski	11	Wilson
3rd	Ella	Wallace	11	Jackson

3rd	Tor	Greene	9	Wilson
3rd*	Drew	Valdez	10	Moran
HM	Bryli	Groll	9	Cokeville
HM	Cache	Keeton	10	Cokeville
HM	Kamerie	Chadwick	9	Cokeville
HM	Amelia	Richardson	9	Cokeville
HM	Jack	Dayton	10	Cokeville
HM	Afton	Kelley	12	Guernsey
HM	Taya	McClennen	9	Jackson
HM	Augustine	Porter	9	Jackson
HM	Carsen	Cook	10	Kelly
HM	Brianna	Clancy	10	Kelly
HM	Piper	Harper	11	Kelly
HM	Isabella	Suske	10	Wilson
HM	Jocelyn	Gillespie	10	Wilson
HM	Colette	Seaton	11	Wilson
HM	Henry	Monroe	11	Wilson
HM	Ava	Tozzi	10	Wilson
Creative Recognition:				
*	Alondra	Reyes	10	Jackson

Group III (grades 7-9):

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st	Britney	Bowen	15	Cokeville
1st* & 3rd Runner Up for Best of Show	Kayla	Perkins	15	Cokeville
1 st & 4th Runner Up for Best of Show	Brianna	Simmons	15	Powell
2nd	Cienna	Halls	15	Cokeville
2nd	Magdalene	Cruz	14	Powell
2nd*	Jaighden	Rayment	15	Powell
3rd	Karlie	McKenzie	15	Powell
3rd	Rachel	Bonander	13	Powell
3rd	Jasmyne	Lensegrav	15	Powell
HM	Kamille	Nate	13	Cokeville
HM	Jordyn	Nate	12	Cokeville
HM	Trey	Nate	14	Cokeville
HM	Aubrie	Stenerson	15	Powell
HM	Gabri	Lundberg	14	Powell
HM	Kenlee	Stenlund	15	Powell
HM	Brylee	Schuler	14	Powell
HM	Hartly	Thorington	15	Powell
HM	Taytum	Sessions	15	Powell
HM	Lucy	Sullivan	15	Powell

HM	Colten	Johannson	15	Powell
HM	Rylee	Ramsey	15	Powell
HM	Kourtney	Rowton	15	Powell
HM*	Ammon	Teichert	15	Cokeville
HM*	Kaylee	Cornia	15	Cokeville
HM	Ashtyn	Heny	14	Powell
Creative Recognition:				
*	McKinsey	Lynn	15	Powell

Group IV (grades 10-12):

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st* & 2nd Runner Up for Best of Show	Katelyn	Perkins	17	Cokeville
1st* & Runner Up for Best of Show	Cheyenne	Reed	17	Cokeville
1st* & WY 2016 Best of Show	Bailey	Schupp	15	Pinedale
2nd	Jackson	Linford	18	Cokeville
2nd*	Savannah	Phillips	16	Cokeville
2nd*	Rayven	Faxon	16	Powell
3rd	Kylee	Perkins	15	Cokeville
3rd	Braden	Schiller	16	Powell
3rd	Rachel	Walker	18	Powell
HM	Lexia	Brown	16	Cokeville
HM	Cassidy	Harmon	18	Cokeville
HM	Haleigh	Panei	17	Cokeville
HM	Elizabeth	Dayton	17	Cokeville
HM	Meg	hanlin	17	Powell
HM	Toby	Hooper	15	Powell
HM	Jordan	Walsh	15	Powell
HM	Sara	McCullough	17	Powell
HM	Demi	Dusenberry	17	Powell
HM	Mallory	Triplett	17	Ralston
HM	Sarah	Liggett	16	Powell
HM	Claire	Miner	16	Powell
HM	Alexandrea	Foster	18	Powell
HM	Rachel	Hallman	15	Powell
HM	Addison	Petrie	16	Powell
HM	Joey	Haire	16	Powell
Creative Recognition:				
*	Max	Gallagher	15	Powell

Students submitted artwork featuring the following native North American species: whistling ducks, swans, geese, dabbling ducks, diving ducks, sea ducks, mergansers, stiff tails, or Hawaiian ducks. A full list of

permitted species is available online at www.fws.gov/juniorduck. Artwork entries were judged on the basis of original design, anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability for reproduction on a 1” by 1.5” stamp. For more information on contest rules and educational materials for teachers and supervising adults visit www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck.

Copies of the winning artwork will be exhibited around the state. The tour will start on April 12th at the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge in Southwestern Wyoming. Jackson, Powell, Green River, Gillette, Sheridan, Casper, and Cheyenne are some of the scheduled stops on the tour. A detailed schedule of the tour will be available soon online at www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck. An online gallery of the top 100 entries will be available by mid-April from www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck.

The Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program is sponsored by the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge and Wyoming Ducks Unlimited.

Pictured below is Bailey Schupp, age 15, of Pinedale, WY with her winning oil painting of a harlequin drake titled “Symphony of Blues.” Born in Australia, Bailey was raised in Wyoming since the age of four, she lives with her family in Pinedale at the foot of the Wind River Mountain Range with the Wyoming and Hoback Ranges to the west and south. She has been a student at Kay Meek's Studio in Daniel for nearly nine years. Bailey is a two time state best of show winner in the Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Competition; she won in 2013 with an oil painting of a bufflehead. Bailey enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, painting, and playing high school sports. In May, 2008 she took a trip with her family to Yellowstone, specifically to see harlequin ducks. A photo her dad, Derek, took was used as a reference to create her painting. Bailey chose the harlequin because of the male's unique colors and because it is a seldom seen subject.

Harlequin ducks are a type of diving duck that spends the breeding summer seasons in turbulent mountain streams and winters on rocky coastlines. Harlequins dive for mollusks and crustaceans as well as small fish and insects found in riverine and marine habitats. During the winter, the harlequins are usually found in some of the roughest surf on the coast. Likely because of their surroundings, studies have found many adult harlequins to have had broken bones within their lifetimes. Harlequins are found throughout the northern Rocky Mountains, yet are only seen in a few places in Wyoming, in Yellowstone National Park and occasionally in the Wind River Canyon.



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