



Juried Student Art Competition

Sponsored by the Garfield Park Neighborhood Association

To celebrate our 36th Annual GPNA Arts & Crafts Fair held on September 12, 2009

- Theme:** *The Art of Nature and Neighbors*
Entry Deadline: August 14, 5:00 p.m.
Notification of Acceptance: August 28
Accepted Works Delivery: September 11, 3:00-6:00 p.m., GPNA Lodge, 334 Burton SE, Grand Rapids
Awards Ceremony: September 12, Time to be determined at the GPNA Arts & Crafts Fair, Garfield Park

Background

Charles W. Garfield and his family loved Michigan's beauty and became a mighty force in the battle to renew cut-over and burned-over forests, devoting over 40 years to the cause. In 1892, Charles set aside 6 acres of his farm and planted 10 species of trees to create a "reclaimed woodland" and donated the parcel to the City of Grand Rapids. In 1906, he and his family donated the farm itself which became known as Garfield Park. Charles and some of his family were horticulturists who appreciated the beauty of nature and the beauty of community. This art competition is dedicated to those same ideals.

Eligibility

- 6th through 12th grade students
- College students 25 and younger
- Must be a resident of Garfield Park Neighborhood Association (defined by the borders of US 131 to Eastern Avenue and between Cottage Grove and 28th Street.)
- Students away to college but with a home address in GPNA are eligible.

Media

Oils, acrylics, watercolors, prints, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, textiles, collage, mixed media, etc.

Size limitations: 2-D works up to 3' x 5', 3-D up to 3' square.

Requirements

1. Works should express the spirit of nature and/or community in a literal or abstract fashion.
2. Works may be in the style of traditional realism or non-representational abstracts.
3. All artwork must be the original work/concept of the artist.
4. All works must be dry and ready for presentation, though not necessarily framed.

Sale of Work

Works may be sold if desired. GPNA takes no commission. All juried pieces must remain on exhibit during the fair.

Liability

Entries will be handled with all possible care. Garfield Park Neighborhood Association will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.

Charles W. Garfield Awards

- Middle School 6th-8th grade Category: 1st Place: \$50 gift certificate; Honorable Mention: \$25 gift certificate
High School 9th/10th grade Category: 1st Place: \$100 gift certificate; Honorable Mention: \$50 gift certificate
High School 11th/12th grade Category: 1st Place: \$150 gift certificate; Honorable Mention: \$75 gift certificate
College Category: 1st Place: \$200 gift certificate; Honorable Mention: \$100 gift certificate

(Gift certificates are to Service Reproductions Co., a local art supply store, and made possible by GPNA and Service Reproduction.)

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Entry Procedures

- Each artist may submit 1 or 2 pieces—via photo, slide or jpeg file—and entry form by **5:00 PM, August 14, 2009**.
 - Judges will select up to 10 pieces (depending upon size) for the 1-day exhibit **September 12, 2009**. Notification of Acceptance/Denial should be received by **August 28, 2009**.
 - A brief artist's statement about the artwork (100 – 200 words) will be requested for accepted entries at that time.
 - The selected artists are asked to be present for the award ceremony the day of the fair, time to be determined.
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- Entry Form -

Please read and sign this agreement:

I release Garfield Park Neighborhood Association from any responsibility, for any damages and/or theft of any artwork that is displayed at the GPNA Arts and Crafts Fair on September 12, 2009 or while under the care of the GPNA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Artist's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail (optional): _____

Entry Number 1

Title: _____

Media: _____ Dimensions: _____

Not for Sale (NFS), or Price: _____

Entry Number 2

Title: _____

Media: _____ Dimensions: _____

Not for Sale (NFS), or Price: _____

Please submit this entry form along with photos, slides or jpeg files, by 5:00 p.m. August 14, 2009, to:

**GPNA Student Art Competition
334 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507**

(Feel free to photocopy and share this form.)