

The Education Fund's Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials 15th Annual Art Exhibition

Each year, as part of their commitment to the community and its children, Ocean Bank and The Education Fund sponsor an art exhibit for the students in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system. This exhibit features children's artwork created with materials recycled from the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.

The purpose of The Education Fund's Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials Art Exhibition is to show the many creative ways that items found in the Ocean Bank Center can be used. Art teachers who plan to have their students participate in the exhibit are given a special pass to the Ocean Bank Center. During this visit, teachers receive up to \$400 worth of free materials to use to participate in the art exhibit. Teachers who plan to enter their own art receive an additional \$100 worth of materials. Prizes provided by Ocean Bank are awarded not only to individual students and teachers, but also to the schools they represent.

The Education Fund's Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

When it comes to creative teaching aids, teachers depend upon The Education Fund's Ocean Bank Center. It provides them with unique tools to use in motivating their students and with everyday necessities. Sponsored by Ocean Bank, the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials is a warehouse and distribution program that accepts donations of excess inventory, remnants, surplus supplies and more from companies and makes them available free of charge to Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers for their classrooms. Miami-Dade County students benefit by having the materials necessary for their lessons and businesses benefit through an up to 200 percent tax deduction on the goods.

This year the Miami-Dade County Environmental Education Grant Program has made it possible to create new categories of art addressing environmental themes. Listings of winners in these categories begin on page 6.

ENVIRONMENTAL ART: SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM THEME WINNERS

Grand Prize



Everglades Endangered!

By: Carlos Anato

Grade: 4

School: Pinecrest Academy Charter Elementary

Art Teacher: Erika Reboucas

Best of the Best

Cycle of the Insects

By: Allyson Lynott &

Isabella Perez

Grades: 5 & 6

School: Renaissance
Charter Elementary

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro



Award of Merit

The Revenge of the Manatees

By: Iman del Rosario &
Mary Chavez

Grade: 5

School: Hialeah Elementary

Art Teacher: Ray Jui

ENVIRONMENTAL ART:
SOLID WASTE THEME WINNERS

Grand Prize

**Don't Monkey
Around - Recycle,
Conserve, Renew**

By: Alberto Rodriguez,
Carlos Salazar & Daniel Sainz

Grade: 5

School: Banyan Elementary

Art Teacher: Peter DeMercado



Best of the Best

On Borrowed Time II

By: Lesley Gallegos, Vivian Arenas, Lauren Cabal, Joseph Ratcliff, Amber Martinez, Leslie Carbajal, Nathalie Torres, Austin Smith, Michael Garcia, Gabrielle Aquino, Sabrina Martinez, Karen Camacho, Andrea Gutierrez, Anabeth Aquino, Nathalie Benitez, Nicole Ratcliff, Alexis Hernandez, Maya Oton, Kayla Zanakis, Jennifer Pacheco, Katia Marie Caraballo & Jessica Rivas



Grades: 4 & 5

School: Norma Butler Bossard Elementary

Art Teacher: Paige Karaboyas & Ana Mays

Award of Merit

Tree of Life

By: Nisermy Ferro

Grade: 12

School: Miami Springs Senior High

Art Teacher: Laura Campbell



The Education Fund's
Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials
2008 Art Exhibition Awards Reception

WELCOME

Cheryl Rees
Ocean Bank

GUEST SPEAKERS

Linda Lecht
The Education Fund

Charles Auslander
The Children's Trust

Yvette Colbourne
Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management

Maria Vallejo
Pine Lake Elementary

Alberto Rodriguez
Banyan Elementary

RECOGNITION OF FINALISTS &
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Education Fund wishes to thank Pearl for their donation of gift bags and the art contest judges for their help with selecting this year's winners.

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STUDENT WINNERS



Grand Prize
Cityscape
By: Belinda Lincoln, Dersis Torres & Joanna Rodriguez
Grade: 8
School: Centennial Middle
Art Teacher: Frederic Gabriel

Best of the Best

Space Spa

By: Aniliet Martinez
Grade: 5
School: Hialeah Elementary
Art Teacher: Ray Jui



Award of Merit

Bikers in the City

By: Carlos Hernandez, Natalia Mastashe, Ruben Yero, Isaac Garcia & Angeline Serrano
Grades: 4 & 5
School: Hialeah Elementary
Art Teacher: Ray Jui

ENVIRONMENTAL ART: WATER AND SEWER THEME WINNERS



Grand Prize
The Wheel of Life
By: Alain Diaz
Grade: 5
School: Hialeah Elementary
Art Teacher: Ray Jui

Best of the Best

Keep It Blue Please

By: Daniela Schindo & Smita Bhatta
Grade: 3
School: Renaissance Charter Elementary
Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro



Award of Merit

Thinking About Waters

By: Luis Garcia, Pedro Reyes, Mariana Gomez, Mykahya Andresohn & Anissa Smellie
Grade: 4
School: Pine Lake Elementary
Art Teacher: Maria Vallejo

PRIZES FOR ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE USING FOUND OBJECTS TO CREATE THE “BEST ENVIRONMENTAL ART”

The winning student art works featured in this section address one of three critical environmental categories: Water and Sewer, Solid Waste, and South Florida’s Ecosystem. By re-using remnants and materials to design outstanding original art, these resourceful students used hands-on environmental methods to represent environmental themes. This focus will hopefully encourage children and parents to learn about the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials and reinforce the concept of re-using and recycling everyday items.

To achieve science-based environmental art, art teachers are encouraged to work with their school’s science teachers. These collaborations have inspired art work and projects offering the best of both worlds.

Prizes in the Environmental Art Category were provided by the Miami-Dade County Environmental Education Grant Program.

TOP SCHOOL WINNERS

Renaissance Charter Elementary
Hialeah Elementary
Banyan Elementary
Pine Lake Elementary
Centennial Middle
Pinecrest Academy Charter Elementary

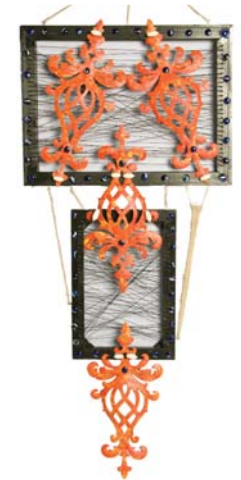
STUDENT WINNERS



Honorable Mention
Once Upon a Time
By: Jose Del Rosarro,
Mitchel Curiel, Dino Del Rosarro
& Sabrina Darias
Grades: 3 & 4
School: Hialeah Elementary
Art Teacher: Ray Jui

Honorable Mention
Untitled

By: Jasmine Alpert, Cristian Hernandez,
Marsha Moody, Jessica Ortiz,
Alexandria Saintil, Joshua Martineau &
Samuel Gonzalez
Grades: 4 & 5
School: Rainbow Park Elementary
Art Teacher: Elena V. Rodriguez



Honorable Mention
Tree of Life
By: Belinda Lincoln, Dersis Torres
& Joanna Rodriguez
Grade: 8
School: Centennial Middle
Art Teacher: Frederic Gabriel

TEACHER WINNERS

Grand Prize

City

By: Maria Vallejo

School: Pine Lake Elementary



Best of the Best

Splish Splash

By: Adis Hernandez

School: Bob Graham Education Center



Award of Merit

High Noon In the Mangroves

By: Peter DeMercado

School: Banyan Elementary

PLEASE SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION



A strong arts education promotes the skills children need to be successful. Exposure to art education promotes self-directed learning, improves school attendance and sharpens critical and creative skills. In fact, several recent studies have concluded that the creativity and innovation utilized in the artistic process will be highly valued by employers in the United States in the coming years as we continue to shift into a global economy.

Teachers are the first to point out how creative arts programs have strongly influenced their students' self-image and increased their academic success in the areas of math, science and the language arts. But sadly, during these difficult economic times, arts programs are the first to be sacrificed. In many schools where classroom space is limited, art "studios" are now only contained in a cart that is wheeled by teachers from room to room, severely limiting the arts education students receive. To find out how you can support Arts Education, visit www.educationfund.org.

The Education Fund wishes to thank our generous sponsors for their support of Arts Education and encouragement to young artists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

