**You’re invited…**

**49th Annual**

**Neptune Festival Youth Art Show**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Welcome to the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Youth Art Show! This one-day outdoor art show provides exhibition opportunities for students in Virginia Beach and across the region at no cost. **Pre-registration IS NOT required, as in-person registration is completed the day of the art show for grades 6-12.** The show is judged by local art professionals and awards totaling over $1,000 are bestowed upon students in three grade levels: Grades 6-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12. For the first time ever, the Neptune Festival Youth Art Show will feature selected works from grades 4th and 5th. This will serve to widen exposure, participation and engagement in the community arts at an earlier age, though no awards shall be given for this age group. Art Teachers of grades 4 and 5 will select 2 pieces for each school and deliver to the Elementary Division Contacts (Mary Carol Lynch - mary.lynch@vbschools.com - at Cooke Elementary for Public Schools, and Alexa Odanga, at Star of the Sea - alexa.odanga@sosschool.org for Private Schools).

**Schedule of Events**

**10-11 a.m. Registration & Set-Up - 6th through 12th only - 28th Street/Boardwalk** Register and hang your artwork (Orange Tags Grades 6-8, Yellow Tags Grades 9-10, Green Tags Grades 9-10 Magnet School, Blue Tags Grades 11-12, White – Magnet Grades 11-12). **All participants will receive a FREE Neptune Tote Bag!**

**11-4 p.m. Youth Art Show (27thto 29th Streets/Boardwalk)**

**3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony: 3:30 p.m. (28th Street/Boardwalk)**

**4 p.m. Take Down (27thto 29th Streets/Boardwalk)**

**Participant Information**

**Parking**

● Paid parking is available at the VB Public Parking Garages on 25th and 30th Street or free parking is available a few blocks inland. Be sure to read applicable parking signs.

**Displaying and hanging your artwork….**

● All participants grades 6-12 will hang their own artwork (grades 4- 5 will be selected & displayed by art teachers and Neptune Festival Volunteers only)

● Hang your artwork in the color-coded area associated with your colored nametag/s.

● Binder clips, wire and paper clips are provided (while supplies last).

● Wire is recommended for the back of canvas board paintings. Use screws or staple guns to attach. ● Work should be properly displayed and matted/mounted if possible to protect from wind at the beach. ● Name tags are provided at registration and should be placed in the lower right corner of artwork once you register your work.

● You must provide your own display for 3-D artwork (such as pedestals, tables, stands, etc.). **Consider staying the day….**

**● Art show coordinators and art teachers from schools are not responsible for the care of students. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to care for their child during the art show.**

● Art show coordinators are not responsible for your artwork at any time during the art show. Participants should be present for the awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. and take-down following the awards.

● Vote for the student choice award and tour the professional Neptune Festival Art Show. ● Dress in layers as it may be cool in the morning and then warm as the day proceeds.

● You may wish to bring a chair, food, beach towel, drinks and sunscreen. Enjoy the Neptune Festival! **In case of rain ….**

**● If the show is canceled, it will be posted on Facebook: VBCPSVisualArts and Twitter: @VBCPSVisualArts as well as Neptune Festival FB Page**

● If it starts to rain after the show begins, **come prepared to cover your artwork.** After the rain stops, please uncover your artwork. Be mindful of the artwork you select in relation to weather conditions. **● No rain date for the art show.**

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**Youth Art Show Awards**

Winners to be selected by professional artists. Awards will be presented on the day of the art show at 3:30 pm at 28th and the boardwalk. Participants should be present.

* **1 People’s Choice Grades 4-12 Ribbon/Yellow**
* **5 Honorable Mentions Grades 6-8 Ribbon/Yellow 1 3rd Place Grades 6-8 Ribbon/White & $10 1 2nd Place Grades 6-8 Ribbon/Red & $25 1 1st Place Grades 6-8 Ribbon/Blue & $50**
* **5 Honorable Mentions Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Yellow 5 Honorable Mentions Magnet Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Yellow 1 3rd Place Grades 9-10 Ribbon/White & $10 1 3rd Place Magnet Grades 9-10 Ribbon/White & $10 1 2nd Place Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Red & $25 1 2nd Place Magnet Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Red & $25 1 1st Place Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Blue & $50 1 1st Place Magnet Grades 9-10 Ribbon/Blue & $50**
* **5 Honorable Mentions Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Yellow 5 Honorable Mentions Magnet Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Yellow 1 3rd Place Grades 11-12 Ribbon/White & $25 1 3rd Place Magnet Grades 11-12 Ribbon/White & $25 1 2nd Place Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Red & $50 1 2nd Place Magnet Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Red & $50 1 1st Place Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Blue & $100**
* **1 1st Place Magnet Grades 11-12 Ribbon/Blue & $100 1 Best-In-Show Grades 6-12 Neptune Plaque, Ribbon/Red, White and Blue & $250**

The above awards total over $1,000.00 in cash and prizes. We look forward to seeing you at the art show. Please contact the Youth Art Show Committee Co-Chairs at 757.550.0498 for additional information. This year’s planning committee consists of volunteers from the Neptune Festival, Catholic HS, Cooke ES, Star of the Sea School and Tallwood HS

***Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.* – Pablo Picasso**