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Cmr. Bush announces winners for Adopt-A-Beach 2019 art contest

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BIG SPRING — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the 23rd Annual Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest winners. This year, over 3,900 students entered their artwork. The grand prize winner, selected from the 40 overall winners, was Grace Wimberley, a 5th grader at Saint Mary School in Orange, TX.

"Adopt-A-Beach is more than simply volunteering to clean up the Texas coast. The Adopt-A-Beach program teaches young Texans the importance and impact of their actions and how they too can help care for Texas and its environment," said Commissioner Bush. "Through the 'Treasures of the Texas' Coast' Children's Art Contest, kids from across the state have been able to learn more about our Texas coast while enjoying the chance to showcase their talent. I am always impressed by the outstanding ability of young Texans!"

Grace Wimberley's artwork, along with 39 runners-up, will appear on the cover of the 2020 Adopt-A-Beach calendar, which will be distributed statewide. The artwork of all winners will be on public display in the South-Central Gallery of the Texas Capitol May 21st - 28th for all visitors to view and appreciate. The exhibit will be sponsored by Texas State Senator Larry Taylor (R – District 11).

Grand prize winner Grace Wimberley will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and Central America, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

Her teacher, Cindy Claybar will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two tickets to the Houston Zoo, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, prizes and a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Runners up include:

Finalist Name	School Name	City
K-2nd Grade		
KATE TYE	HOMESCHOOLED	BOERNE
AVNI PUNALEKAR	KNIPPA ISD	KNIPPA
APRIL CAO	FOREVER CREATIONS - ART STUDIO	SUGAR LAND
SOMMER SPENCER	BEYOND LIMITS ACADEMY	SINTON
APRIL HYUN	DALLAS ARTS STUDIO	DALLAS
BRANSON PARNELL	HOMESCHOOLED	LEANDER
YUNA KIM	DALLAS ARTS STUDIO	DALLAS
ATHENA MAGALLANES	SARGENT BRANCH LIBRARY	BAY CITY
AARAV PUNALEKAR	KNIPPA ISD	KNIPPA
KYLIE YU	RUMMEL CREEK EL	HOUSTON
3rd - 4 th GRADES		
VICTORIA ZHOU	JAMES RANDOLPH EL	FULSHEAR
KATHERINE TJOKROSOESILO	FOREVER CREATIONS - ART STUDIO	SUGAR LAND
RICHARD WANG	PRIVATE ART STUDIO	CEDAR PARK
KEVIN PEREZ	VELASQUEZ EL	RICHMOND
NATHARIE LOKUWADUGE	ARTCASTLE SCHOOL	HURST
HYUNJEONG ROH	DALLAS ARTS STUDIO	DALLAS
GLORIA HARRIS	FLOUR BLUFF EL	CORPUS CHRISTI
ARDEN SMALLWOOD	CASIS EL	AUSTIN
JACOB YU	RUMMEL CREEK EL	HOUSTON
MAIYA SHIMOSAKO	JO ELLA EXLEY EL	KATY
5th GRADE		
ANNIE LI	ROOSEVELT ALEXANDER EL	KATY
GRACE WIMBERLEY	SAINT MARY SCHOOL	ORANGE
YIXIN ZHANG	MICHAEL L. GRIFFIN EL	KATY
ABBY BARNES	BARBER MIDDLE SCHOOL	DICKINSON
AMY WANG	AUSTIN PARKWAY EL	KATY
SAVANNAH GOODE	MOHAWK EL	RICHARDSON

EMILY GARRETT	PURPLE TURTLE ART STUDIO	BRYAN
TAMARA NIY	CREECH EL	KATY
ANNA ROLLERT	ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL	SUGAR LAND
TARITA JAGANATHAN	SEM EL	FRISCO
6th GRADE		
LEAH COLBERT	GEORGE WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL	GEORGETOWN
DALTON HOGAN	SAINT MARY SCHOOL	ORANGE
GRACYN CAMPBELL	CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY	TYLER
ADELYN PARKS	HOMESCHOOLED	RIVIERA
ANDREEA TURCANU	WOODGATE INTERMEDIATE	WACO
APRIL MASSIE	FOREVER CREATIONS - ART STUDIO	SUGAR LAND
ABBY LESCOE	HOMESCHOOLED	KINGSLAND
ASHLEE SMITH	SPILLANE MIDDLE SCHOOL	CYPRESS
HELINA ZHANG	HANJIE ARTS CENTER	KATY
AVA HEBERT	HOMESCHOOLED	HUMBLE

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