

Pinecrest Gardens Presents 10th Annual Environmental Art Contest: Avian Avatars: Birds

PINECREST GARDENS 10TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS CONTEST



AVIAN AVATARS: BIRDS

CONTEST OVERVIEW:

The Pinecrest Gardens 10th Annual Environmental Art contest, *Avian Avatars: Birds* begins **Monday, November 13th 2023, 12:00 a.m.** est and **ends Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 4:00 p.m.** est. Judging occurs between Thursday, January 11 and Friday, January 12 2024. The top scored 150 pieces will be asked to exhibit in person at our gallery show during our Arts & Design Fair, January 20 & 21, 2024. This is a visual arts contest that prompts students to create a piece of art inspired by birds, depicting the theme Avian Avatars. The contest is open to students in grades 4-12 of Miami-Dade public and private schools. Cash prizes for first place winners. The contest follows visual arts and science standards for grades 4-12. Standards outlined below in document.

CONTEST THEME: Avian Avatars: Birds

Birds play an important role in helping us better understand Florida's vast and diverse ecosystems. Wading birds help us understand the health of the Everglades, while burrowing owls and scrub jays give us an insight to the health of Florida's hammock and scrub environments. In this contest, you will research, learn about and display your love of birds through art. Draw, Paint, Sketch, Photograph, *Inspire*.



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General Timeline: All entries must be submitted by the contest deadline, and late entries to the contest will not be accepted. Winners will be announced on Friday, January 12, 2023 at the end of the judging session. Entries accepted to exhibit in the show will be notified via e-mail. Gallery opening will take place in the Hibiscus Gallery at Pinecrest Gardens on Saturday, January 20. All entrants to the contest are invited to attend the gallery reception. Art on display will remain in the Gallery through the Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival (1/20-1/21), and will be available for pick up any time between 1/24/2024 to 2/3/2023.

Important dates:

Contest Opens: 11/13/2023

Contest Closes: 1/10/2024

Judging Occurs: 1/11-1/12/2024

Winners announced 1/12/2024

Artwork Drop-off window: 1/13/2024 to 1/17/2024

Artwork curation: 1/18/2024-1/19/2024

Show opening: 1/20/2024

Artwork pick-up window: 1/24/2024 to 2/3/2023

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The contest is open to students in Grades 4-12 from all Miami-Dade County Schools, public, private and homeschool.
2. The contest is not open to school faculty, staff or administration officials.
3. Students may only enter as an individual. **Multiple entries per student are not accepted. One entry per student only.** Each entry must have a teacher sponsor. Teachers are not to assist students in any way other than technical support.
4. Teachers are only able to submit maximum 10 pieces.
5. Entrants must complete and submit the contest entry form via the entry portal. If accepted into the show, the entry form must be included with the physical art piece. Enter the contest [here](#)

CONTEST RULES:

Art should adhere to the given theme, Avian Avatars: Birds. **Each art entry must demonstrate a work of art inspired by 'Avian Avatars: Birds' following the contest prompt.** Students will look to nature for Inspiration to create original pieces. Students are encouraged to be creative, and thought should be put into the message of their work.

ENTERING THE CONTEST:



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Entries must be submitted via entry form online at [here](#) . Entries will include:

- Student Name
- School Name
- Teacher or Adult Sponsor and Contact
- Grade level
- Title of art
- Contact information: phone number and email or personal address
- A short statement about your “Avian Avatars” contest entry. How does your piece address the theme?

Entries selected to exhibit, must print and attach their release form to the back of the art piece before turning into Pinecrest Gardens.

1. **Each entry into the contest requires fulfillment of an Entry Form via online portal.** Entry forms can be filled out and submitted [here](#).

To access or submit an Entry Form please visit the Environmental Art Contest page on the Pinecrest Gardens Website: [here](#) . If asked to display your artwork in exhibition, **entry forms must be submitted electronically. The release form must be attached to your final piece if asked to exhibit in the gallery show.**

2. To learn more about entering contests, and using the CFAEFL system, please see the how-to guide [here](#)

3. **Grade Categories:**

- a. Grades 4-5
- b. Grades 6-8
- c. Grades 9-12

Students entering the contest must indicate their grade on the application form, so that they can be correctly placed in the corresponding grade category.

3. **Invitation to Exhibit:** The top 150 pieces will be accepted to exhibit into a physical show at Pinecrest Gardens. The show will be on display during our Art & Design Fair, occurring January 20th and 21st, 2024. In each grade category, the top 50 pieces will be on display. After the judging period ends, students of the top 150 entries will be contacted for exhibition. The students will have between January 13 and January 17 to deliver the pieces to Pinecrest Gardens.

4. **Winning schools must use the prize money to implement an environmental or art project at their school.** Winning schools will be required to submit photos that demonstrate that their prize money is used for environmental purposes. Winning schools have until the end of the school year, Wednesday, June 5 2024 to submit photo confirmation of their use of winnings.

5. **Contest entry step -by -step:**

1. **Students must submit their work to their art teachers**
2. **Teachers must select a maximum of 10 pieces of student artwork to submit.**



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3. Teachers must submit the selected works electronically by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - JPEG image (no larger than 3.32 MB)

All electronic submission guidelines are located on the Division of Academics, Visual & Performing Arts website - M-DCPS Authentic Assessment On-line Submission Platform - (https://cfaefl.org/MD_CPSArt/)

4. At contest closing, all entries will be judged and scored. Notification of finalists will be sent out at closing of judging 1/12/2024.

The top 50 entries from each grade category will be asked to showcase their physical pieces in the EA Contest show, and should turn in their works between 1/13/2024 and 1/17/2024

5. Teachers and students prepare the accepted entries and turn into Pinecrest Gardens for curation.

All work submitted must be ready to hand/ display. The release form generated from the electronic submission should be attached to the back of the work. All artwork labels must be TYPED and adhered to the front bottom right hand corner of the mat or frame.

6. Entries are curated and a gallery opening for contest occurs on 1/20/2024

7. Artwork is picked up by school member between 1/24/2024 to 2/3/2023

ART COMPOSITION RULES

GRADES 4-12:

- All pieces must be in 2-dimensional form. Any of the following techniques may be used:
 - Paint (Watercolor, tempera, poster, acrylic, oil, etc.)
 - Drawing Material (pencil, charcoal, colored chalk, pastels, markers, colored pencils, etc.)
 - Collage materials (cut & glued papers)
 - Prints (handmade stencils, gadget printing, collographs, block prints, etc.)
 - Photography (color, black & white, etc.)
 - Original Digital illustration
- All pieces must be no smaller than 8x8 and no larger than 18x24.
- **Finished artwork must be matted and labeled with Artist name, Artist Grade, &, School, Teacher and Title of Art.**
- **Printed release form must be attached to the back of your art piece when turned in**
- There is no limit on the number of colors used in the design.
- Words should not be used in the art piece. Any explanation of the art should be done on the entry form under the statement section.



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- If accepted into the exhibition, all art pieces must physically be turned in to Pinecrest Gardens between January 13 and January 17. All pieces must be turned into Pinecrest Gardens by January 17 at 5:00p.m.
- **Students can only submit one entry.** Space in the gallery is limited. We aim to display the top 150 pieces, from each grade category, however if necessary we may limit amount of entries per school. If there is room in the Gallery to display additional pieces, we will.
- All art works submitted must be free of any inappropriate language and images or illegal activity. Art should contain a positive message addressing the environmental theme. Blatant commercial advertising or product placement in art is not acceptable. The contest manager will review each piece of art, and if deemed inappropriate, they will be declared ineligible and will be removed from the contest.

FINALISTS & CRITERIA

All eligible entries submitted between **Monday, November 13th 2023, 12:00 a.m. est** and **Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 4:00 p.m.** Winners in each category will be reflected as 1st place winners. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on adherence to contest criteria. Judging will occur on a virtual platform, where entrants will have access to view their scores. The top 150 pieces (top 50, entries permitting, in each grade category) will be asked to display their works in our gallery exhibition. The exhibition takes place during our Art & Design Festival from Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21 at Pinecrest Gardens in the Hibiscus Room.

Entries submitted after the contest deadline will not be judged. All eligible entries received during the submission period will be considered for the final judging. Finalists will be contacted via the email they submitted on the online entry portal.

Finalists will be judged on the criteria rubric [here](#).

WINNERS

Finalists are encouraged to be present at The Gallery Opening in order to receive recognition and participate in the show opening. All students who entered the contest are invited and encouraged to attend the Gallery opening. Teacher sponsors of the entrants are not required to attend the gallery opening, however, participation is greatly encouraged. The Gallery opening will be Saturday, January 20 during our Art & Design Fair at 10:00 a.m.

FIRST PLACE PRIZES- Pending sponsorship

- The first place winner of the contest in each grade category will receive a check for their school in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used towards an environmental or art initiative at their school. A first place winner will be selected in each grade category.



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- The gallery opening reception will include recognition of student work and light refreshments for those in attendance.

CONTEST CONTACT

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PUBLICATION

All art submitted, whether as a winning entry or not, may be used by the Village of Pinecrest or Pinecrest Gardens in whole or in part, royalty free, in any printed or electronic media and promotional materials, including recruitment and online publications.

ORIGINALITY

All entries must be original, unpublished and created solely by the submitting entrant(s) and not violate the intellectual property rights, copyright of property of any third party. Copyrighted materials will not be accepted unless specific permission of the use of such materials can be shown.

CONDUCT

The Village of Pinecrest and Pinecrest Gardens reserves the right, at its discretion, to disqualify anyone found:

- Tampering with the entry process or the operation of the contest, art or the website promoting the contest
- Acting in violation of the Rules and Regulations
- Acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

PRIVACY

Personal information provided by the entrant will be used by the Village of Pinecrest or Pinecrest Gardens to administer the contest, and to notify of future contests and will not be used for any other reason.

LIABILITY

The Village of Pinecrest and Pinecrest Gardens are not responsible for any pieces that are lost or damaged. By accepting the prizes, winners agree to hold the village of Pinecrest and Pinecrest Gardens and all Village of Pinecrest employees harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of the use of



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such prizes. Winner assumes all liability for any injury or damage caused from participation in the contest or use/redemption of any prize.

STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

4th – 5th grade standards addressed VA.4.C.1.1, VA.4.C.1.2, VA.4.C.2.2, VA.4.C.3.3, VA.4.H.1.2, VA.4.H.1.3, VA.4.H.2.3, VA.4.O.1.1, VA.4.O.1.2, VA.4.O.2.1, VA.4.S.1.1, VA.4.S.1.3, VA.4.S.3.1, VA.4.S.3.2-5th, VA.5.C.1.1, VA.5.C.1.2, VA.5.C.1.3, VA.5.C.2.1, VA.5.C.2.2, VA.5.C.2.3, VA.5.H.1, VA.5.H.2, VA.5.H.3, VA.5.F.1, VA.5.F.2, VA.5.O.1, VA.5.O.2, VA.5.O.3, VA.5.S.1, VA.5.S.2, and VA.5.S.3

6- 8th grade art standards addressed VA.68.C.1.1, VA.68.C.1.2, VA.68.C.1.3, VA.68.H1, VA.68.H.2, VA.68.H.3, VA.68.F.1, VA.68.O.1, VA.68.O.2, VA.68.O.3, VA.68.O3, VA.68.S.1, VA.68.S.2, VA.68.S.3,

9-12th grade art standards addressed VA.912.C.1, VA.98.C.2, VA.912.C.3, VA.912.H1, VA.912.H.2, VA.912.H.3, VA.912.F.1, VA.912.O.1, VA.912.O.2, VA.912.O.3, VA.912.S.1, VA.912.S.2, and VA.91