This year, 656 pieces of art were submitted from Humboldt County students in grades K through 12. Some 38 cash prizes totaling $600, plus 35 honorable mentions, were awarded in a ceremony at the Arcata Marsh amphitheater in mid-April.

— Sue Leskiw, Contest Organizer

Kindergarten & Grade 1 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

**Kindergarten & Grade 1**

First Place: John Campbell-Crawford, Jacoby Creek School, Red-breasted Nuthatch
Second Place: Sarafinn Clemans, Laurel Tree Charter, Purple Finches
Third Place: Ariya Tortoriello, Jacoby Creek School, Northern Flicker
Honorable Mentions: Hannah Naylor, Redwood Coast Montessori, Anna’s Hummingbird; Naomi Slauson, Jacoby Creek School, White-tailed Kite; Celiya Acevedo, Jacoby Creek School, Western Grebe
**Grade 2**

First Place: Penn Kerhoulas, Garfield School, Tufted Puffin
Second Place: Doc Henry Strong, Coastal Grove Charter, Common Yellowthroat
Third Place: Mary Kennedy, Jacoby Creek School, Sharp-shinned Hawk

Honorable Mentions: Olivia Osorio, Redwood Coast Montessori, Great Blue Heron; Madeline Kalson, Redwood Coast Montessori, Anna’s Hummingbird; Heidi Tout, Garfield School, Red-shouldered Hawk; Dorothy Hall, Mistwood Educational Center, Anna’s Hummingbird
(Top to bottom) Penn Kerhoulas; Doc Henry Strong; Mary Kennedy.

(Top to bottom) Olivia Osorio; Madeline Kalson; Heidi Tout; Dorothy Hall.
**Grade 3**

First Place: Alex Sanzaro, Garfield School, Spotted Owl; Tamarin Merry, Coastal Grove Charter, American Robin

Second Place: Mia Hong-Novotney, Fuente Nueva Charter, American Avocet; Teus Kypta, Garfield School, Peregrine Falcon

Third Place: Tayler LaPorte, Green Point Elementary, Osprey; Maya Knight, Coastal Grove Charter, Hummingbird

Honorable Mentions: Olive Conley, Willow Creek Learning Center, Anna’s Hummingbird; Marayah Kaiser, Garfield School, Tufted Puffin; Jase Blackwell, Alder Grove Charter, Aleutian Cackling Goose; Jaxon Bryant, Redwood Coast Montessori, Great Blue Heron

*Grade 3 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.*

*Alex Sanzaro.*

*Tamarin Merry.*
(Left, top to bottom) Mia Hong-Novotney; Marayah Kaiser; Jaxon Bryant. (Right, top to bottom) Olive Conley; Jase Blackwell.

Grade 4 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.
Grade 4

First Place: Alisa Cecchin, Union Street Charter, Varied Thrush; Adeleine Kennedy, Jacoby Creek School, Cedar Waxwings

Second Place: Rosa Nofsinger, Union Street Charter, Cedar Waxwing; Ollie Goldstein, Union Street Charter, Belted Kingfisher

Third Place: Tadeus Furaha, Coastal Grove Charter, Steller's Jay; Corabella Pagliuco, Union Street Charter, American Goldfinch

Honorable Mentions: Eliana Lindsay, Union Street Charter, Peregrine Falcon; Gracelynn Shepherd, Cutten School, Western Meadowlark; Esme Connell, Trillium Charter, Great Blue Heron; Grace Schmidt, Cutten School, Steller's Jay; Owen Quinn, Fuente Nueva Charter, Black-crowned Night-Heron

(Top to bottom) Alisa Cecchin; Rosa Nofsinger; Tadeus Furaha.

(Top to bottom) Adeleine Kennedy; Ollie Goldstein; Corabella Pagliuco.
(Left, top to bottom) Eliana Lindsay; Gracelynn Shepherd; Owen Quinn.
(Right, top to bottom) Grace Schmidt; Esme Connell.

Grade 5 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.
Grade 5

First Place: Bony McKnight, Coastal Grove Charter, American Kestrel
Second Place: Sofia Baker, Fortuna Middle School, Great Blue Heron
Third Place: Ricardo Freitas, Northern United Charter, White-tailed Kite
Honorable Mentions: Elianna Emery, Agnes Johnson Charter, Anna’s Hummingbird; Kjersti Macdonald, Garfield School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Maya Klampt, Cutten School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Zayd Kirby, Willow Creek Learning Center, Allen’s Hummingbird

(Left, top to bottom) Bony McKnight; Sofia Baker.
(Right, top to bottom) Ricardo Freitas; Kjersti Macdonald; Elianna Emery.
Grade 6
First Place: Tenley Weeks, Koinonia Academy, Anna’s Hummingbirds
Second Place: Kahlan Wilcox, Winship Middle School, Snowy Plovers
Third Place: Summer Kennard, Alder Grove Charter, Belted Kingfisher
Honorable Mentions: Sydney Boone, Zane Middle School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Kyle Cox, Jr, Stanwood Murphy Elementary, Mallard; Nyah Justice, Redwood Coast Montessori, Spotted Owl; Phoebe Paoli, St Bernard’s Academy, Snowy Plover
(Left, top to bottom) Summer Kennard; Nyah Justice. (Right, top to bottom) Sydney Boone; Kyle Cox, Jr; Phoebe Paoli.

Grade 7 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.
Grade 7
First Place: Kimberly Barreto, Stanwood Murphy Elementary, Blue Jay
Second Place: Emma Jewel Kelone, McKinleyville Middle School, Anna's Hummingbird
Third Place: Teagan Sailors, Sunny Brae Middle School, Rufous Hummingbird
Honorable Mentions: Natalie Reeves, Zane Middle School, Short-eared Owl; Grace Wilkin, Zane Middle School, Purple Finch; Oni Orcutt, St Bernard's Academy, Purple Finch

(Left, top to bottom) Kimberly Barreto; Teagan Sailors; Natalie Reeves. (Right, top to bottom) Emma Kelone; Grace Wilkin; Oni Orcutt.
Grades 8&9

First Place: Ram Virnave, Academy of the Redwoods, Osprey
Second Place: Evie Dowd, Northern United Charter, Belted Kingfisher
Third Place: Carter Hernandez, Zane Middle School, Spotted Owl

Honorable Mentions: Levi Hansen, Zane Middle School, Great-horned Owl; Macie Hinton, Zane Middle School, California Quail; Jezlynn Stokes, Stanwood Murphy Elementary, Purple Finch; Julie Burke, Fortuna High, Bewick’s Wren

(Top) Ram Virnave. (Bottom) Carter Hernandez. (Top) Evie Dowd. (Bottom) Jezlynn Stokes.
Grades 10 through 12 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

**Grades 10-12**

First Place: Arien Goode, Eureka Learning Center, Varied Thrush  
Second Place: Matthew Contreras Velasco, Eureka Learning Center, Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
Third Place: Eilene Childs, Alder Grove Charter, American Goldfinches  
Honorable Mentions: Krystal Huerta, Eureka High, Cedar Waxwing; Laylah Rios, Eureka High, California Quail; Bridgette Dunn, Eureka High, Northern Harrier; Maggie Odell, Eureka High, Peregrine Falcon; Brooke Grazis, St Bernard's Academy, Common Loon
(Left, top to bottom) Arien Goode; Eilene Childs; Krystal Huerte. (Right, top to bottom) Matthew Contreras Velasco; Bridgette Dunn; Maggie Odell.
Best Bird in Habitat awards

Eleanor Vanlathanith, Kindergarten, Jacoby Creek School, Pileated Woodpeckers
Morgan Fresz, Grade 4, Cutten Elementary, Spotted Owl
Duke Ester, Grade 5, Garfield School, Wood Duck
Ella Swanson, Grade 7, Zane Middle School, Anna’s Hummingbird
Meguire Bartosz, Grade 10, St Bernard’s Academy, Wood Ducks