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Artists throughout Nevada Bring New Life to Recyclables

CARSON CITY, NV – In celebration of America Recycles Day, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Nevada Recycles Program partnered with The Venetian and The Palazzo in Las Vegas in a statewide recycled art contest to raise awareness of recycling.

More than 100 artists statewide, ranging from students in kindergarten through 12th grade to adults, submitted photos of their artwork composed of recyclable materials. Entries included a diversity of innovative designs and imaginative artwork using materials such as license plates, appliances, plastic bags, bottles, batteries, discarded paper, cardboard and aluminum cans.

Entries were judged based on overall appearance, originality, workmanship and use of recyclable material. The winners are:

K-5

- 1st Place - Pretty Peacock (Samantha Wiggins, Dayton)
- 2nd Place - Recycled Robots (Jaren Thornburg, Carson City)
- 3rd Place - Chewbacca the Great Recycles after lunch (Garrick Lo, Henderson)
- Honorable Mention - Desert Tortoise Sisters (Marley & McKinley Simon, Elko)
- Honorable Mention - Recyclable Farm (Elizabeth Hibdon, Carlin)

6-8

- 1st Place - Once Upon A Time I Was... (Aayan Patel, Reno)
- 2nd Place - Get Your Head Out of the Doggone Trash (Arianna Ophir, Las Vegas)
- 3rd Place - I Can See Far Away! (Darsh Patel, Reno)
- Honorable Mention – Landing (Jacob Kelley, Sparks)
- Honorable Mention - Poke Cube (Gabriella Poulson, Reno)

9-12

- 1st Place - Wings of Change (Karly McCutcheon, Reno)
- 2nd Place - Tree of Color (Syamini Breathwaite, Pahrump)
- 3rd Place - Lady Bug (Aubrie S Schmidt, Battle Mountain)
- Honorable Mention - Pepsi Warrior (Aaron Adams, Pahrump)

Honorable Mention - Pineapple Express (Brooke McDonald, Pahrump)

Adult

1st Place - I Am The Recyclable (Bretta Leach, Carson City)

2nd Place - Fishcado (Manuel Rosas, Carson City)

3rd Place - Wall-E (Josiah Browhaw, Las Vegas)

Honorable Mention - Bubbles (Cindy St Malie, Las Vegas)

Honorable Mention - Breathless (Sherry Nash, Fallon)

Class/Club

1st Place - Red Bull Gives You Wings (Robert Cornwell, Kristina Mason,
Asa Howe, Carson City)

Honorable Mention - Prom Night Mannequin (Aspen, Kaylee, Jacqueline, Ashley, Hamylee
Smith Valley)

Honorable Mention - The Beast (Levi Barr, Gabriel Hernandez, Smith Valley)

Honorable Mention - Lion Chaos (Ricardo Vega, Austin Long)

All Contest entries may be viewed on the Nevada Recycles program Flickr page,
www.flickr.com/photos/nevadarecycles/albums.

In 2015, Nevada's recycling rate was 20.8%. Nevadans (including the tourist population) throw away about 7 pounds of trash, per person, per day. That's about three million tons of trash going to a landfill every year.

"We're thrilled that the recycled art contest attracted such an impressive collection of creative recycled art pieces from artists throughout Nevada. We hope that the contest has helped to inspire Nevadans, both young and old, to make recycling a way of life," said Pranav Jampani, Director of Sustainability for The Venetian, The Palazzo and Sands Expo.

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