

Three Local Schools Compete in Lions Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

The theme of the 2010 -11 Peace Poster Contest is "**Vision of Peace.**" Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 years on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Locally the Venice Lions Club just concluded their 2010 - 2011 Peace poster contest with Epiphany Cathedral, Laurel-Nokomis and Venice Middle school students participating. (see photos)

Throughout the world, students in some two hundred countries take part in this contest. Participants use a variety of mediums, like charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express the theme. Local Lions Clubs help the participating schools with financial aid for art supplies etc

24 International finalists are selected each year, representing the work of more than 350,000 young participants worldwide.

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations. During the ceremony, the winning artist will receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US\$ 5,000.

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Here in our area, art instructors in each participating school select the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from many works submitted to them, and send those to Venice Lions Club. The Lions Club in turn will send them to the district contest to be judged against other entries from other districts.

The district winners will then be submitted to the state, then national and finally to the International contests.

This year, the Lions Club hosted the three winners, their art instructors and some of the parents at the first meeting in November. (photo)

The winners received monetary awards and a certificate.

This year's winners are:



(left to right)

Ms. Cheri Cray (art teacher), Amanda Swalby (1st place winner) – Epiphany School, Ms. Lise Jodwalis (art teacher), Andrew Kujawaski (1st place winner) - Venice Middle, Ms. Monica Wagner (art teacher), Tess Ripper (1st place winner), Laurel/Nokomis and Lion Ed Lynch, Peace Poster Contest chair – Venice Lions Club.



Epiphany Cathedral School

(L to R) Ed. Lynch - Peace Poster Contest chair, Ms. Cheri Cray – Art teacher, Amanda Swalby – 1st Place winner with her mother, and Ms. Irene Lynch – Principal, (no relation to Ed)



Laurel / Nokomis

(L to R) Peace Poster chair Ed Lynch, 1st place winner Tess Ripper,.



Venice Middle School

First place winner Andrew Kujawski and his mother, Mrs. Kujawski