

Earth Day



at the Garden

January 9, 2012

Dear Art or Science Educator,

It's that time again... time to gear up for our annual **Oregon Garden Earth Day poster contest**! For the past twelve years, kids have been celebrating and learning about the earth with us through their art contributions. We would like to invite your students to participate in this year's contest to help promote Earth Day 2011.

Our theme this year is **"One planet, one people!"** Please see attached for a description of what this theme entails to help you begin the conversation with your class.

The poster contest is open to students in all K-12 programs. The Earth Day Committee will choose one Grand Prize winner for the official 2012 Earth Day posters, advertisements, billboards, and website that will be used to promote our event. We will display all poster entries at the event and also award a First Place Prize to one student in each of these categories: grades K-3; grades 4-7; grades 8-12. The contest rules are enclosed, and **all poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2012.** Please address entries to:

The Oregon Garden/Earth Day Committee
P. O. Box 155
Silverton, OR 97381

For questions regarding the poster contest, please contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Our 13th annual **Earth Day Celebration at The Oregon Garden on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10 am to 4 pm is a FREE event** made possible by generous sponsorships from Marion County Environmental Services, Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Oregon Department of Energy, and others. This year's Earth

Day Celebration will feature educational activities for children and adults with ideas on how to "Reduce our Carbon Footprint" by making simple changes in our everyday lives. For more details on the event, check for updates at www.oregongarden.org. Come support environmental stewardship while enjoying spring blooming at The Oregon Garden!

Sincerely,

Alan Pennington
Waste Reduction Coordinator
Marion County Public Works-Environmental Services

Earth Day 2012 Poster Contest RULES

Use this checklist to make sure all entries are eligible for judging.

All entries must be created by students currently in the K through 12th-grade age range (home-school students welcome!)

Each entry MUST include the student's first and last name, grade #, and school name on the *back* of the artwork. The entry must be the original artwork of the student whose name is on the piece.

The size of the artwork must be NO LARGER than 11" x 17". Smaller sizes are acceptable as well. Any kind of paper may be used; we promote recycled paper but this will not be a criterion for judging!

The artwork must be related to this year's theme of "**One planet, one people**".

Entries may be done in marker, ink, crayon, colored pencil, watercolor, acrylic, or tempera paint.

We discourage entries with words. Posters with words will not be immediately disqualified, but in some cases the words will make the poster unusable.

No computer-generated artwork will be accepted.

Entries **must be mailed flat**, and must not be folded, rolled, matted, or mounted.

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2012.

Prize list (categorized by grade level):

K-3rd: \$50 Gift Card/Fred Meyer

4-7th: \$50 Gift Card/Fred Meyer

8-12th: \$50 Gift Card/Fred Meyer

Note: the winning entry from those above that is chosen as the Grand Prize will receive an additional \$50!

Discussion of Theme

"One planet, one people"

We share the resources and bounty of Mother Earth with all living organisms. These resources are finite but humanity's appetite for food, shelter, and material goods is growing to unsustainable levels. How we manage our planet affects not only us but all other plants and animals.

- What types of natural resources are there?
- Are these resources renewable?
- Where do the products we buy come from?
- How does the way in which food is produced or materials made affect the planet?
- What kind of purchasing choices can we make to reduce our impacts on the planet?
- What is sustainability and how do we become more sustainable in our daily lives?