



GULF COAST BIRD OBSERVATORY'S FIRST ANNUAL ART CONTEST "FOR THE BIRDS"

OBJECTIVE

Calling all artists! Gulf Coast Bird Observatory wants to see your best original artwork!

ARTWORK THEME

This contest's theme is our tagline "For the Birds!" Artwork should reflect our organization and the birds we love! Artwork may include the theme words or simply visually illustrate the theme. To learn more about GCBO, visit our website at gcbo.org, look us up on Facebook, or come visit us in person!

WHO ARE WE?

The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) is an independent non-profit organization with 501(c) status. We have become recognized as an innovative organization, which has designed and conducted a significant number of large conservation projects, including migration studies, habitat enhancement, land acquisition, regional habitat mapping, and others. Visit <https://www.gcbo.org/> to learn more about us.

Our Mission

To protect birds and their habitats around the Gulf of Mexico and beyond.

Why an Artwork Competition?

We want our community and friends to know more about GCBO and that we are "FOR THE BIRDS". That's the theme of this 1st Annual Art Competition – help us artistically communicate our tagline – "FOR THE BIRDS".

ELIGIBILITY

Artists of all ages are welcome! There will be four entry categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adult. Please specify which age group you fall into. Submissions will be limited to one entry per person, twenty entries per school (teachers may judge before submitting).

JUDGING AND WINNERS

Judges will choose one winner, second place, and third place artwork from each age group. Judging will be blind, so please sign artwork on the **back** with your name, entry group, age, school (if applicable), contact phone number, and piece title. Top ten pieces from each age group will be mounted and put on display. Pieces that do not will be returned to artists.

Prizes:

Elementary: 1st place gets a birding book and a bird feeder

Middle School: 1st place gets a birding book and \$20

High School: 1st place gets a birding book and \$30

Adult: 1st place gets a birding book and \$30

Artwork Requirements

All mediums and design colors are welcome, but we request that pieces be submitted on 8.5X11 inch paper.

Winning pieces will be mounted, so leave at least one-inch border around the art.

Winning designs may be converted into a limited color palette design for printing GCBO T-shirts or merchandise.

Designs will become property of GCBO.

All artwork must be completely original and produced by the student.

SUBMISSIONS

All entries must be received by March 6, 2020 and dropped off or mailed to:

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

Attn: Art Contest

299 Hwy 332 West, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

For Questions or concerns please email Celeste at csilling@gcbo.org or call us at 979-480-0999