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Winners for the Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest Announced

Madison, WI (February 23, 2023) — The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest. The youth art was selected through a statewide contest that attracted more than 100 entries.

The winners are:

Best of Show: Austin Kreisa, Age 13, Sheboygan County, *Piggy Mosaic* (Any Other Media)

Avilyn Meyer, Age 12, Rock County, *One In A Million* (Photography)

Violet Horton, Age 10, Waupaca County, *Ginger Cat* (Fabric/Yarn/Fiber)

Keira Heffernan, Age 14, Brown County, *Wisconsin 4-H* (4-H-themed Art)

Eva Passel, Age 15, Brown County, *Growing Together Through 4-H* (Drawing)

Alexis Lonsdorf, Age 12, Lincoln County, *Lion's Head* (Wood)

Wyatt Zimmer, Age 11, Waushara County, *Head, Heart, Health and HAND!* (Pottery/Ceramics/Clay)

Paige Zimmer, Age 9, Waushara County, *Pages of Love* (Paper)

Raelynn Hansen, Age 17, Fond du Lac County, *Spencer Kane Painting* (Painting)

The following artists received honorable mention awards:

Eva Betthausen, Age 12, Monroe County, *Sunflower Wall Hanging* (Any Other Media)

Savannah Smith, Age 12, Kenosha County, *Bubble Alley* (Photography)

Eva Betthausen, Age 12, Monroe County, *Jeffery Giraffe* (Painting)

Eleonore Treague, Age 14, Burnett County, *The Lighthouse* (Painting)

Link Bimmel, Age 13, Sheboygan County, *Old Oliver* (Photography)

Marissa Peters, Age 16, Taylor County, *Yaneva* (Painting)

Rylann Breitigam, Age 13, Waukesha County, *World of Color* (Painting)

Wyatt Zimmer, Age 11, Waushara County, *Halloween Castle* (Drawing)

Julia Theisen, Age 12, Fond du Lac County, *Butterfly Box* (Paper)

Alyssa Tubbs, Age 13, Jackson County, *Day Lily* (Photography)

The following artists received emerging artist awards for their artistic promise and creativity:

Amalthea Kinney, Age 10, Lincoln County, *Baby Chickens Under Heat Lamp* (Drawing)

Kallen Ruben, Age 11, Sheboygan County, *Untitled* (Paper)



“This year’s contest was a great success,” said Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Brenda Scheider. “This is a great showcase for our 4-H youth, who are incredibly talented and creative, and a great opportunity to highlight and support an important part of the 4-H program—arts and communications programs.” The winning pieces are for sale for a minimum \$150 donation to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. For more information and a full list of winners and images, please visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

The ultimate purpose of the 4-H arts and communications programs is to provide opportunities for young people to develop the character and life skills they will need to become successful and contributing members of society.

The Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest is one way the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is working to enhance support of the arts and communications programming, including an endowment which permanently provides resources for arts-related programming.

The Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communications programs have a rich history and an exciting future. 4-H youth are encouraged to develop their creative, problem-solving and technical skills through their 4-H experience. Arts and communications programming is one of the largest project areas in Wisconsin 4-H. It provides unprecedented opportunities to explore and develop artistic awareness, creative potential and appreciation of art and the artistic process.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports various 4-H leadership, development, and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

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Photos:



Best of Show winner, *Piggy Mosaic*, from the Any Other Media category by **Austin Kreisa**, Age 13, Sheboygan County



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