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PHOTOs Attached to Email (photos of all artwork are on the website: Wis4HFoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/, or available upon request)

Wisconsin Counties Represented: Brown, Columbia, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, La Crosse, Langlade, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Rusk, Waukesha, Waushara

Wisconsin Cities Represented: Bear Creek, Berlin, Campbellsport, Gleason, Greenleaf, Pine River, Portage, Rice Lake, Seymour, Suamico, Valders, Waukesha, Woneewoc

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

Madison, WI (March 1, 2024) — The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation announces the winners of the 2024 Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest. The youth art was selected through a statewide contest. In its sixth year, the Celebrate the Arts contest encourages creativity and exploration.

“This year’s contest was a great success,” said Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Brenda Scheider. This is a wonderful 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 winners are:

Best of Show: Alexa Heitkamp, Age 16, La Crosse County, *Rustic Winter Windmill* (Photography)

Sophie Stueck, Age 12, Outagamie County, *4-H Coming Together* (4-H Theme Non-photography)

Alexa Heitkamp, Age 16, La Crosse County, *4 Days of Friendship* (4-H Theme Photography)

Coralyn Malueg, Age 11, Brown County, *Fashionable 4-H Beaded Bracelet* (Any Other Media)

Sabrina Schmidt, Age 15, Brown County, *Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls* (Drawing)

Jax Zajec, Age 11, Rusk County, *4-H Chicken Basket* (Fabric, Yarn or Fiber)

Paige Zimmer, Age 10, Waushara County, *Fall Harvest* (Painting)

Austin Kressin, Age 8, Langlade County, *Summer* (Pottery, Ceramics or Clay)

The following artists received honorable mention awards:

Samantha Miller, Age 6, Fond du Lac County, *Helping Hands* (4-H Theme Non-photography)

Edward Richardson, Age 7, Waukesha County, *4-H is Everywhere* (Any Other Media)

Quinn Ciorba, Age 7, Columbia County, *4-H Wreath Making* (Drawing)

Sawyer Gilmour, Age 9, Green Lake County, *The Eye of 4-H* (Drawing)

Jackson Bonnin, Age 9, Outagamie County, *Foxy* (Drawing)

Caitlyn Herring, Age 14, Manitowoc County, *Snowy Day Mittens* (Fabric, Yarn or Fiber)



Hadley Barreau, Age 10, Juneau County, *Waterfall Fall* (Photography)

Keaton Barreau, Age 13, Juneau County, *Fall Trees and a Calm Breeze* (Photography)

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 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 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. These projects provide unprecedented opportunities to explore and develop artistic awareness, creative potential and appreciation of art and the artistic process.

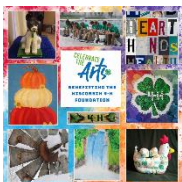
The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports various 4-H leadership, development, and community-building activities throughout the state.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

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Photos:



Best of Show winner, *Rustic Winter Windmill*, from the Photography category by **Alexa Heitkamp**, Age 16, La Crosse County



Celebrate the Arts Winners Graphic