



February 15, 2016

Dear Art Instructors of the Driftless Region,

The twelfth annual Driftless Area Art Festival is scheduled for September 17 & 18, 2016 in Beauford T. Anderson Park, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. This festival features, celebrates and promotes the exceptional talent of regional artists, including the art of young people.

Like last year, the art of elementary, middle school, high school, home school and art class students will be on display in our Youth Art Gallery. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity for your students and encourage them to participate.

### **Elementary Art - grades 1-8**

*Every elementary & middle school that submits art for the KidsArt Gallery will be entered into a drawing to win \$500 for the art department!*

Additionally, a committee of artists will award prizes including ribbons and a first place award recipient in grades 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8. These three winners will also receive a \$30 purchase prize award for his or her piece, along with a framed reproduction of the piece. *The three original art works will be sold at a live auction during the festival's Spring Gala in 2017, with those proceeds going to the art programs in the young artists' schools!*

### **Teen Art - Ages 13-19**

Further, the art of students aged 13 - 19 (teen art) will be displayed in a special area of the Youth Art Tent. Their art will be juried and all young artists will receive written comments. The jurors will select the following teen awards:

- \* Best in Show - cash prize of \$75, blue ribbon and art supplies
- \* 2nd Prize - cash prize of \$50 and a red ribbon
- \* 3rd prize - cash prize of \$25 and a white ribbon
- \* Three Achievement awards will also be given

This is a great opportunity for teens and younger students to submit what is considered their one best piece of art from the school year for exhibition and for them to experience a professional art festival.

If you are interested in participating, please contact M'Lou Wilkie at [sunbead@mwt.net](mailto:sunbead@mwt.net) or call 608.624.3437 and she will email or send you the official entry form for grades 1-8, which needs to be turned in by May 30 or teen art (ages 13-19) which needs to be turned in by August 26. Included will be general guidelines on how to present the art.

As September approaches we will contact all registrants as to when and where to drop off your art submissions for both youth art and teen art during the week of Sept 12.

If you have any questions, please contact M'Lou Wilkie.

Creatively,  
M'Lou Wilkie and Pita Daniels, KidsArt committee co-chairs