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# Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest Winners Announced!

### Entries are on Display

The GFWC-(Name of club) announces the winning artwork of the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for 7th and 8th grader students. The memorial art contest was created in 1927 by GFWC-WI to honor the renowned Oshkosh sculptor, Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1916). Her works are on display in the US Capitol, Smithsonian, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Madison State Capitol, and other national and state collections.

All the student artwork entries are on display at (*name of venue*) through (*dates and hours*).

(*Number o*f) schools participated this year with a total of (*number*) entries submitted in categories, painting and drawing (2-D) and sculpture (3-D). The judges for the contest are (*names of judges*). Following is a listing of the winners and their artwork:

Class A PAINTING/DRAWING (2-D)

* First: (name), (school, grade)
* Second: (name), (school, grade)
* Third: (name), (school, grade)

Class A SCULPTURE (3-D)

* First: (name), (school, grade)
* Second: (name), (school, grade)
* Third: (name), (school, grade)

Class B PAINTING/DRAWING (2-D)

* First: (name), (school, grade)
* Second: (name), (school, grade)
* Third: (name), (school, grade)

Class B SCULPTURE (3-D)

* First: (name), (school, grade)
* Second: (name), (school, grade)
* Third: (name), (school, grade)

These winners will compete at a second judging at the April District meeting in (*place*). District winners proceed to the third judging at the State Convention in (*place*) in May. The State final place winners’ artworks will be displayed at the Oshkosh Public Museum, home of Helen Farnsworth Mears, during the Museum’s summer art exhibit. This Art Contest supports and encourages student-artists throughout the state of Wisconsin.