

**GUIDELINES FOR THE 2008 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION**  
**“An Artistic Discovery”**  
**US Congressman Jerry F. Costello**

- **ANY ART WORK THAT IS CONSIDERED FOR THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE 12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT ART COMPETITION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.**
- The competition is open to all high school students that reside in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Illinois.
- Size restrictions.
  - \* two-dimensional only
  - \* art work can be **no larger** than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame
  - \* no more than 4 inches in depth
- Art work categories are:
  - \* **paintings:** oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - \* **drawings:** pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - \* **collage:** must be 2 dimensional
  - \* **prints:** lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - \* **mixed media**
  - \* **computer generated art**
  - \* **photography**
- A completed release form must be attached to each entry to hang in the show.
- Each entry considered for the grand prize in the 12<sup>th</sup> District Art Competition must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any US copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- The final decision regarding suitability for the grand prize art work from the 12<sup>th</sup> District Art Competition for the exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.
- The Grand Prize winning artwork will hang in the Cannon tunnel for the entire year and cannot be returned early.

The following are details regarding the Annual Congressional High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Belleville Art on the Square will be hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Competition in conjunction with their high school competition.

Each student will have the opportunity to enter one piece of art work into either the Congressional Competition or the Art on the Square's High School Competition or both competitions. The deadlines for both competitions are the same.

### **ENTRY PROCESS:**

The Student Information/Release Form for "An Artistic Discovery" must be legibly completed in full and mailed to George Gasparich, 335 Jubaka Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208. These forms must be received by Thursday, **May 1, 2008** *A copy of the entry form must be attached to the back of the entry.*

### **FRAMING GUIDELINES:**

Entries must be framed to be hung in the Art on the Square show. Everyone involved understands that framing can be costly. An option that Art on the Square has researched is using the Frameless Swiss Corner Clips, with the artwork under glass or plexiglas. These clips can be purchased at most art supply stores and can also be purchased on the internet.

### **DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>** entries may be dropped off at these businesses.

- Hall of Frames, 525 Lincoln Hwy., Fairview Heights, IL, 624-4733
- Gallery Gifts and Framing, 12 S. High St., Belleville, IL, 277-8473
- Over the Edge Framing, 4 Club Centre Ct., Edwardsville, IL, 655-0938

**May 9<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and May 12<sup>th</sup> (Monday) only** Southern entries may be dropped off at:

US Congressman Jerry F. Costello, 250 W Cherry, Carbondale, IL 62901  
618.529.3791

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – noon, entries may be dropped off at:

Regions Bank atrium, 19 Public Square, Belleville, IL 62220

This is in downtown Belleville, on the Northwest corner of the town square (the fountain is in the middle of the town square). Access is through the parking lot off West "A" Street.

## **ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY:**

Regions Bank atrium, 19 Public Square, Belleville, IL 62220  
May 16, 17, and 18, 2008

During fair hours, the Regions Bank atrium can be accessed through the doors behind the children's art activity.

“**An Artistic Discovery**” awards ceremony will be held on the main stage in front of the St. Clair County Building on May 18 at 2:00 p.m.

## **PRIZES TO BE AWARDED:**

The Grand Prize art work will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. The Grand Prize winner will receive a renewable, \$5,000 per year scholarship to a private college of art and design. The Grand Prize winner and **one** guest will be invited to attend the reception in Washington, DC on June 25, 2008. Three complimentary airline tickets to Washington, DC will be provided. Any additional cost to attend the awards ceremony in DC will be the responsibility of the winner.

Other prizes to be awarded:

- Second Place and Third Place winning entries will hang in Congressman Costello's Belleville District office for one year.
- Honorable Mentions will be acknowledged for each category.

## **ARTWORK PICKUP:**

Art work must be picked up from the exhibit after 4:00 p.m. on May 18. No art work will be released before 4:00 p.m. Southern district entries not picked up will be taken to my Carbondale office.

If you are interested in participating in this competition or have any questions, please contact Patsie Travelstead of my Belleville office at 618.233.8026 or Cindy Evans of Belleville Art on the Square at 618.530.6126.