

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2012 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION
“An Artistic Discovery”
US Congressman Jerry F. Costello

- **ANY ART WORK THAT IS CONSIDERED FOR THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE 12th DISTRICT ART COMPETITION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.**
- The competition is open to all high school students that reside in the 12th Congressional District of Illinois.
- Size restrictions – including the frame.
 - * two-dimensional only
 - * art work can be **no larger** than 28 inches by 28 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame
 - * no more than 4 inches in depth
 - * cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- 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 12th 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 12th 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." The Schmidt Art Center, at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), will be hosting the 12th Congressional Competition in conjunction with their high school competition.

Each school will have the opportunity to enter **ten pieces** of art work into the Congressional Competition.

ENTRY PROCESS:

The Student Information/Release Form for "An Artistic Discovery" must be legibly completed in full and mailed to U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello, 144 Lincoln Place Ct, Ste 4, Belleville, IL 62221 or faxed to (618) 233-8765. These forms must be received by Thursday, **March 1, 2012** *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 Schmidt Art Center. Frames should be kept as simple as possible. All art work should be protected, preferably by plexiglass, and a "lightweight" frame. PLEASE NOTE: artwork to be considered for the Grand Prize entry must be no larger than 28 x 28 inches (including frame), 4 inches deep and should not weigh more than 15 pounds (including frame). Metal and "snap-on" frames are NOT recommended.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

March 2nd and 3rd entries may be dropped off at:
Schmidt Art Center, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois

From 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Or call Libby Reuter at (618) 222-5278 (Tuesday – Saturday)

March 1st Southern entries may be dropped off at:
US Congressman Jerry F. Costello, 250 W Cherry, Carbondale, Illinois
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(618) 529-3791

ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY:

Schmidt Art Center
March 22 – 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2012
Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday - 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday - 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“**An Artistic Discovery**” awards ceremony will be held during a reception at the Schmidt Art Center on March 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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 and **one** guest will be invited to attend the reception in Washington, DC on (date to be announced). Any additional costs 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 Schmidt Art Center on Thursday night, April 5 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, April 10, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Entries dropped off at my Carbondale Office will be available for pick-up on April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in this competition or have any questions, please contact Patsie Hopkins of my Belleville office at 618.233.8026.