

Marine Art Contest Grades K-12

Theme -- Celebrating 15 Years:
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary 1992-2007

Deadline: May 15, 2007



Gelatinous zooplankton -- sea jellies -- won a first place in the 2005 contest.



The computer-generated image "Submerge" was a winner in 2003.

Massachusetts Marine Educators (MME) is a grass roots organization of teachers, informal educators, students, educational institutions, and others dedicated to the goals of developing a marine literate society and promoting awareness of the ocean world by integrating marine studies into existing curricula. For more information, visit the MME Web site at: <http://www.massmarineeducators.org>

ATTENTION:

Art and Graphic Art Teachers,
Marine Science and Biology Teachers,
After School Leaders,
Home School Instructors

Judging in 5 Divisions -- K-4, 5-8, and 9-12, Scientific Illustration (all grades) and Computer Graphics (all grades)

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Stellwagen Bank Nat. Mar. Sanctuary
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**THEME: CELEBRATING 15 YEARS:
Stellwagen Bank National Marine
Sanctuary 1992-2007**

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a marine protected area located between Cape Ann and Cape Cod at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay, turns 15 on November 4, 2007. Help the sanctuary celebrate this anniversary by creating a poster that highlights the research, conservation programs or resources (both natural and cultural) of this special site.

Students may select any species, group of animals, habitat, shipwreck, or human activity in the sanctuary for use in their artwork. Possible topics include protection of endangered species, marine mammal research, fisheries ecology, ocean invertebrates, zooplankton, phytoplankton or maritime heritage study.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

There are five divisions in the contest — grades K-4, grades 5-8, grades 9-12, an open scientific illustration division and an open computer graphics division with a winner, second and third place selected from each division. First place artists in each of the divisions will receive an award of \$25 and four New England Aquarium passes each. Second and third place winners will receive \$15 and \$10 awards, respectively, and two aquarium passes. Winning entries will be posted on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary website (<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>), used by the sanctuary to publicize anniversary events, and used by MME in its outreach programs. Entry deadline is May 15, 2007.

General Requirements:

- The entries should be between 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 24".
- Use white, non-glossy paper, please do not laminate.
- Teachers may send in as many entries as they like, but we do request that some selective screening be attempted first. (Let us know how many students took part in the project even if all of the art projects are not sent.)
- Label each entry on the back with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address and telephone number. The sanctuary will announce the winners through a press release and posting of winning entries on our web site.

For more information, contact:

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This landscape painting of a boulder field in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary by scientific illustrator Mary Jane Brush gives a perspective of the deep, dark undersea world unavailable with photography or the unaided human eye.

Grades K-4 Requirements:

Students are to create a poster that relates to this year's theme. Students should include on the back of the poster a slogan or short statement about their poster's subject.

Grades 5-8 and 9-12 (judged separately):

Students are to create a poster/artwork that will relate to this year's theme. The student must include on the back of the poster (or attach a separate sheet of paper) with information about the art – what marine activity or habitat is illustrated, what creatures are pictured (common and scientific names), and a short statement about the sanctuary and its 15th anniversary. Please be concise and neat. (Be sure that lettering does not show through the illustration; a separate but attached sheet is preferred.)

Scientific Illustration (all grades):

Students should strive for technical accuracy in their art. Illustrations may be of single animals (e.g., diatom, copepod, squid, herring, etc.) or a group of animals or a habitat. Artwork may be based on microscope studies, field observations, dissections, or photographs. High school biology and marine science students are encouraged to submit entries, as are students in art classes. Students should attach a brief statement about the process of developing the illustration and the common and scientific name(s) of the animal(s) pictured.

Computer Graphics (all grades):

Students may use any computer graphics software to develop original computer art or to manipulate images from outside sources. If using photographs or artwork from other artists, please state the source of the original images. Students should also write a brief statement about how their poster illustrates this year's theme.

All winning artwork will be displayed on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary web page located at: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> (view previous winners). Artwork will be identified with student's complete name – please inform us if you do not want the full names to be used on the web site or in press releases announcing the winners. Visit the web page for information about sanctuary resources and image galleries.

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on creativity, factual accuracy, artistic presentation, neatness, and relevance to the theme. Grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12, scientific illustration, and computer graphics will be judged separately. Judges for the contest include: commercial artist and graphic designer Dennis Huston, naturalist and educator Richard Wheeler, author of "A Field Guide to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary" Nathalie Ward, and SBNMS Education Coordinator Anne Smrcina. We're sorry, but entries cannot be returned. **REMEMBER TO PRINT ALL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON THE ENTRY FORM OR ON THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK.** If you attach the entry form or a separate sheet with the required information, please use paper clips so as not to damage the artwork (and make sure the student's name is on the artwork).

PRIZES:

First Place (all categories): \$25 from MME, 4 passes to the New England Aquarium, Certificate, and SBNMS poster.
Second Place (all categories): \$15 from MME, 2 passes to the New England Aquarium, Certificate, and SBNMS poster.
Third Place (all categories): \$10 from MME, 2 passes to the New England Aquarium, Certificate, and SBNMS poster.
Honorable Mentions: Certificate and SBNMS poster.

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SEND ENTRIES TO:

**MME Art/Poster Contest c/o Anne Smrcina
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
175 Edward Foster Road
Scituate, MA 02066**

WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY:

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>

USGS Coastal and Marine Geology: <http://woodhole.er.usgs.gov/project-pages/stellwagen/stellwagenbank.html>

New England Aquarium's Teacher Resource Center: 617-973-6590, web: <http://www.neaq.org>

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

GRADE: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____

Submission of this entry implies permission to use the student's name in press releases and web pages announcing results of the contest and in any use by the sponsoring organizations of the artwork in their publications and web sites.

Check here if you **DO NOT PERMIT** use of the student's full name: []

Details about the art/poster (as specified in contest rules): _____

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