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## **Charleston County Seeks Entries for Creative Recycling Art Contest**

Contest open to students and adults -- deadline is Monday, Nov. 1!

<u>Charleston County's Environmental Management Department</u> is seeking participants for the 2010 Creative Recycling Art Contest. The art contest is being held to celebrate America Recycles Day 2010 in Charleston County. The deadline to submit artwork is 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.

"The contest is designed to highlight the creative talents of Charleston County residents and students to increase environmental awareness through recycling," said Eve Lighty, Community Representative/Educator for the County's Environmental Management Department.

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the County's Creative Recycling Art Contest, which is sponsored by the Charleston County Environmental Management Department.

An awards reception will be held for all entrants at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4 at the <u>Charleston</u> <u>County Main Library</u> located at 68 Calhoun Street in downtown Charleston. The artwork will be on display at the Main Library from November 11 - December 11 so the general public will have an opportunity to view the entries. National America Recycles Day is on Monday, Nov. 15.

There are two categories to enter:

- Students (grades 7-12)
- Adults (18 years and older)

Submission requirements:

- At least 70 percent of the materials used in the creation of the entry must be recycled. Recycled is defined as those materials that have been discarded and can be used again such as plastics, glass, metals, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, paperboard and old used items and parts. Art supplies such as glue, paint, markers, nails and staples are allowed.
- Art entries can be in any medium and take any visual form, including, but not limited to sculpture, weaving, fashion, mosaics, ceramics and painting.
- The size of art entries must not exceed 24 inches in height x 24 inches in width x 24 inches in diameter.
- Only one entry per person may be submitted.
- All art entries must be labeled so that each entry can be easily identified. Labels must be securely attached with name, address, phone number, school name, grade, art teacher, name of entry and medium description.
- The deadline to submit artwork is 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1.

Prizes:

- First place in the student category (grades 7-12): \$300 savings bond
- First place in the adult category (18 years and older): \$300 gift card
- Runner-up awards will be named in each category

<u>America Recycles Day</u> is celebrated every year and culminates every November 15 to remind citizens that recycling is an important part that each of us plays in its on-going success. The celebration is designed to encourage people to recycle and buy products made from recycled materials.

Residents can call (843) 720-7111 or visit <u>recycle.charlestoncounty.org</u> for more information on the 2010 Creative Recycling Art Contest or general information on Charleston County's Environmental Management Department.