

February 8, 2023

Middle School and High School

Dear Art Teacher,



Greetings! The Friends of Wabeno is kicking off a new project in 2023 to support students and their interest in the arts. We hope you'll join us! The project is called, **“Student Art Contest” and it's open to all students in Forest County and nearby towns and communities in grades 6-12.** The purpose of this contest is to encourage student-artists and promote the arts in our Northwoods' communities.

The Friends of Wabeno is conducting this contest and judges will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention Award certificates and ribbons. Students submitting artwork will receive a Participation Certificate to show their artwork was exhibited in this community art contest.

All submitted artwork will be showcased at WAM Fest, Saturday, July 22, 2023. All student artists, their families, and art teachers are invited to a special reception at 1pm during WAM Fest at the American Legion Post 44 in Wabeno where the art will be on display. Following WAM Fest top entries will be displayed at Wabeno area business locations throughout the summer.

Middle and high school students from each school system may submit one entry in each of three categories:

- **Painting/Drawing** – watercolor, oil, pastels, chalk, pencil, pen, ink, acrylic, crayon, charcoal.
- **Digital Art** - Fractal art, 2-D/3-D graphics, digital collage, 2-D/3-D digital painting and digital photo manipulation. No videos or gif for this competition. Artwork must be printed for this category.
- **Photography** - 5"x7" print (see rules)

The art must be entirely the student's own work, done with teacher supervision. Artwork will be procured from the teacher in May and returned to the teacher at school after Labor Day. Arrangements for pick up and return will be worked out between the teacher and our volunteers.

Attached are the Contest Rules & Guidelines, Entry Form, and School Inventory Form. For your convenience, **all necessary forms** shall be found at the WAM Fest website, www.WabenoArtAndMusicFest.org.

The Friends of Wabeno is a non-profit community development initiative. Expanding the arts in the community, it is believed, will enhance quality of life, attract visitors, and positively impact the local economy.

We look forward to your participation in this new art contest. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this competition, please contact the contest team members below. **We would appreciate hearing from teachers by March 1, if students in your class will participate.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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