



George W. Carver
Birthplace District Association



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National Monument



Missouri Southern State University
3950 E. Newman Road Joplin, Missouri

George Washington Carver – Helping the Man Farthest Down

Dear Educational Directors, Fourth Grade Teachers, and Art Teachers:

Announcing the Eighteenth Annual George Washington Carver Art & Essay Contest for 4th grade students, sponsored by the Carver Birthplace Association, Missouri Southern State University-School of Education, and George Washington Carver National Monument! The theme for this year's contest is: George Washington Carver – Helping the Man Farthest Down.

George Washington Carver overcame racial discrimination and poverty to become a world-renowned agricultural scientist, teacher, and humanitarian. Students are encouraged to combine the humanitarian qualities of George Washington Carver's scientific and educational triumphs with their own creative writing and artistic abilities.

This activity aligns with many of the following Grade Level Expectations for Missouri:
CA: 1.A.4; 2.B.4; 2.C.4; 2.E.4; 3.C.4
FA: 2.A, 3.A, 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 2.C, 1E, 1G, 3.G, F.A.1, .FA.2, F.A.3, V.A.1, V.A.2, V.A.3

Please utilize the 4th **grade curriculum entitled *Carver – the Artist***. These free, downloadable lessons will help your students prepare for the contest. Please visit the following web address: www.nps.gov/gwca. Select "For Teachers", then scroll down and select the link to the new *Carver the Artist* curriculum.

Park volunteers are available, upon request, to **visit your classroom during January to explain the Art & Essay Contest to your students**. Please utilize this free service by contacting the park.

Essays will be judged on creativity, knowledge of facts, legibility, expression of theme, and spelling-capitalization-punctuation. Artwork will be judged on creativity, originality, technical ability, and expression of theme. Please review the enclosed contest requirements carefully. If there are questions, please contact the park at 417-325-4151 or via email: gwca_interpretation@nps.gov. Deadline for all art and essay entries is **February 8, 2008**.

Trophies, prizes, and certificates will be awarded to winners in each category. Also, *one team award will be given to the class that displays superior work in the art category and in the essay category*. We are excited to see your students' creative entries!
