

# Youth Arts in the Parks



## Appalachian Spring Wildflower Art 2017 Contest Overview and Rules

### What This Program Is All About:

Youth Arts in the Parks is a student competition that celebrates ecology through art! Through this program and the April art exhibit at Tamarack, students have the opportunity as community leaders to raise awareness of Appalachia's natural diversity and parks. Their works inspire community connections to local ecology, as well as outdoor stewardship. Participating students will also have the opportunity to explore the business of art and its role in economic development.

This Youth Arts in the Parks art contest is part of New River Gorge Wildflower Weekend, a special event that celebrates the area's amazing ecology. New River Gorge National River, Tamarack, and the West Virginia state parks of Babcock, Hawks Nest, Pipestem Resort, and Twin Falls Resort partner to host this annual public event. Parks like these are places that "bring relevance to all citizens," said National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis. "That's where learning really begins."

### Contest Rules:

- **WHO MAY ENTER:** All students in grades K through 12 in Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, or Summers counties. Students do not have to enter through a school.
- **SUBJECT MATTER:** All entries must be inspired by a spring Appalachian wildflower/s native to the New River Gorge area of West Virginia and **MUST** be a species included on the attached checklist. Should a background be included, it should be representative of the plant's natural habitat (forest, field, or river). Some plant photo references are available online at [www.nps.gov/neri](http://www.nps.gov/neri).
- **MEDIUM:** All entries must be original works of art. These may be of any medium type (pencil, ink, acrylic, oil, glass, charcoal, pastel, watercolor, clay, paper, wood, etc.). Computer generated art or photography will **NOT** be accepted.
- **SIZES:** two-dimensional art size 8" x 10" or 11" x 14" **ONLY**, portrait or landscape in orientation; three-dimensional art sized between 4" and 18" square.
- **WRAPPING:** Entries must **NOT** be framed or matted. If pastel, charcoal, or other loose medium is used, entries must be protected with shrink wrap, wrapped in acetate, or sprayed with fixative before submission.
- **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each student may only enter one piece of art.

### Information for Teachers and Supervising Adults:

- Adults, please explain and discuss the rules of this competition with your students, along with the criteria upon which their artwork will be judged, including the ethics of art. Entries that do not follow contest rules are subject to disqualification.
- **WV CSO CONNECTION:** This program is designed to help teachers meet elements of several West Virginia Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives: Visual Arts policy 2520.12 (VA.S.1-6), 21st Century Science K-8 2520.3 (SC.S.[K-8].1-3), and 21st Century Science 9-12 2520.35 (SC.S.[9-12].1-3). National Education Standards can also be applied: Visual Arts NA-VA.K-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Science NS.K-12.3 Life Science; and Economics NSS-EC.K-12.8, 9, 10, 13, and 14.
- **WILDFLOWER SPECIES REFERENCE:** The wildflower/s depicted must be a species from the attached checklist. Some wildflower photographs are available online as reference, though these works are not to be traced or copied. A limited number of wildflower photograph reference binders are available for free loan to teachers. To sign out a binder or if you have a species question, contact [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov) or call 304-465-2632.
- **PHOTOS OF ART IN ACTION:** Teachers are encouraged to take photographs of students creating their works of art. If images are available for use by the National Park Service or other sponsors, please complete the National Park Service Photo Release Form and contact [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov).
- **RANGER VISIT THE CLASSROOM:** Invite a ranger to visit your classroom to orient students to this arts program. A limited number of program dates are available; contact [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov) or call 304-465-2632 to sign up.
- **RECOMMENDATION FOR LARGE GROUPS:** If all or a large number of students from your school choose to participate in this program, it is recommend that schools have students vote on top entries to be sent to competition. Perhaps remaining works can be put on display at your school.
- **APRIL ART CONTEST DISPLAY:** All participants must agree to the public display of their works at Tamarack and online. If their artwork is selected as one of the top five entries, their work will be for public sale at Tamarack.
- **RETURN OF ARTWORK:** All artwork will be returned to the artist through their school after the conclusion of the April art exhibit at Tamarack, except those pieces sold in the David L. Dickirson Fine Art Gallery. Student artists not associated with a specific school will be contacted to arrange a pick-up time.
- **YOUTH ARTS IN THE PARKS NATURE FESTIVAL:** In April 2017, field trips continue this celebration of ecology and art for school groups *in* the park. Assistance for bus funding is available. More details coming to your school.



[www.nps.gov/neri](http://www.nps.gov/neri)



[www.wvstateparks.com](http://www.wvstateparks.com)



[www.tamarackwv.com/gallery/youthartsintheparks.aspx](http://www.tamarackwv.com/gallery/youthartsintheparks.aspx)

## How Do Students Enter the Contest:

- Read and follow all contest rules or be subject to entry disqualification.
- Prepare your art entry, following all contest rules. Fill out the entry form completely (PRINT clearly). Submit your artwork and entry form to one of the Youth Arts in the Park art receiving stations listed below.
- **ENTRY DUE: submit entry between February 1 and 7, 2017.** All entries must be hand delivered to one of the Youth Arts in the Parks art contest receiving stations listed below. **No mail entries will be accepted.**

### FAYETTE COUNTY:

Divide Elementary School  
ATTN: Christy Gill, Art Teacher  
Propps Ridge Rd.  
Lookout, West Virginia

National Park Service  
Canyon Rim Visitor Center  
(open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)  
ATTN: Jodi French-Burr  
New River Gorge National River  
Fayette Mine Rd.  
Lansing, West Virginia

### NICHOLAS COUNTY:

Nicholas County High School  
ATTN: Pam Cox, Art Teacher  
30 Grizzly Rd.  
Summersville, West Virginia

### RALEIGH COUNTY:

Liberty High School  
ATTN: Tonja Raines, Art Teacher  
1700 Coal River Rd.  
Glen Daniels, West Virginia

Woodrow Wilson High School  
ATTN: Sandi Shaw, Art Teacher  
400 Stanaford Rd.  
Beckley, West Virginia

### SUMMERS COUNTY:

National Park Service  
Sandstone Visitor Center  
(open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)  
ATTN: Dave Bieri  
New River Gorge National River  
Meadow Creek Rd.  
Sandstone, West Virginia

## Judging and Awards:

- **JUDGING CRITERIA:** Art entries must be a creative rendering of an Appalachian spring wildflower/s (MUST be a species included on the attached checklist). Works will be judged on the basis of original design and artistic composition.
- **JUDGING PROCESS:** Judging will first be held at the county level, a jury panel selecting the top five entries from each grade group (K - 2, 3 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 - 12) in each participating county. These 20 entries per county will be included in the contest exhibit, after being taken to Tamarack for a second round of judging by grade group to pick the top five contest entries overall. **Participants will be notified of contest winners by: March 16, 2017.**
- **YOUTH ARTS IN THE PARKS DISPLAY OF WINNING ARTWORK:** All contest artwork juried to Tamarack will be on public display at Tamarack during the month of April. These top entries will also be featured on the web sites of the National Park Service, Tamarack, and West Virginia State Parks. After the

close of this April youth art exhibit, these artists will have the opportunity to further display their contest entry at the National Park Service visitors centers in Lansing and Sandstone, West Virginia. Additionally, the top piece selected from each grade group overall and the "Best in Show" will be displayed and for public sale at Tamarack's David L. Dickirson Fine Art Gallery in spring 2017. These five youth works will be featured alongside the works of adult Tamarack artists. Tamarack staff will assist the top five artists and their families to decide an appropriate purchase price for their artwork. If any of these five pieces are purchased, 58% of the purchase price will be paid to the individual artist, while 42% will go to Tamarack. If the work is not purchased, the artwork will be returned to the artist after the completion of the gallery show.

- **AWARDS:** All contest participants will receive a letter of appreciation for their work as conservation artists and community leaders. The contest winners will be awarded a certificate, ribbon, and art supplies to further their creative works.
- **ARTIST RECOGNITION CEREMONY:** All contest artists (and their families) whose work is juried to Tamarack will be invited to a special youth artist recognition ceremony at Tamarack in April. All participating schools and artists will be notified of event details as the celebration draws near.



## Additional Questions:

Contact this program's coordinator, Jodi French-Burr, with any additional questions. E-mail [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov) or call 304-465-2632.

### ENTRY CHECK LIST > Remember to:

- Read the Contest Overview and Rules.
- Prepare entry, following all contest rules.
- Fill out the entry form completely (**PRINT clearly**).
- Have student **AND** parent or guardian sign the contest entry form. If completed through a school, teacher should also sign entry form.
- Check your contact phone numbers and e-mail for accuracy.**
- Paperclip the entry form to the back of the entry. Do NOT mat entry.
- Confirm the address of your county's art receiving site before delivery. **All entries must be received at a designated contest art receiving station between February 1 - 7, 2017.**
- If you have questions please contact the program coordinator at [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov) or 304-465-2632.

### Sour Gum Family (*Nyssaceae*)

- ☐ \*Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*

### Ginseng Family (*Araliaceae*)

- ☐ \*Devil's Walking Stick *Aralia spinosa*
- ☐ \*Dwarf Ginseng *Panax trifolius*

### Carrot Family (*Umbelliferae*)

- ☐ \*Black Snakeroot *Sanicula canadensis*
- ☐ \*Hairy Sweet Cicely *Osmorhiza claytoni*
- ☐ \*Smooth Sweet Cicely *Osmorhiza longistylis*
- ☐ \*Golden Alexanders *Zizia aurea*

### Dogwood Family (*Cornaceae*)

- ☐ \*Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida*
- ☐ \*Alternate-leaved Dogwood *Cornus alternifolia*
- ☐ \*Silky Dogwood *Cornus obliqua*

### Wintergreen Family (*Pyrolaceae*)

- ☐ \*Spotted Wintergreen *Chimaphila maculata*
- ☐ \*Indian Pipe *Monotropa uniflora*

### Heath Family (*Ericaceae*)

- ☐ \*Great Rhododendron *Rhododendron maximum*
- ☐ \*Catawba Rhododendron *Rhododendron catawbiense*
- ☐ \*Flame Azalea *Rhododendron calendulaceum*
- ☐ \*Pinxter Flower *Rhododendron nudiflorum*
- ☐ \*Smooth Azalea *Rhododendron arborescens*
- ☐ \*Mountain Laurel *Kalmia latifolia*
- ☐ \*Sourwood *Oxydendrum arboreum*
- ☐ \*Trailing Arbutus *Epigaea repens*
- ☐ \*Teaberry *Gaultheria procumbens*
- ☐ \*Black Huckleberry *Gaylussacia baccata*
- ☐ \*Deerberry *Vaccinium stamineum*
- ☐ \*Lowbush Blueberry *Vaccinium angustifolium*
- ☐ \*Velvetleaf Blueberry *Vaccinium myrtilloides*

### Diapensia Family (*Diapensiaceae*)

- ☐ \*Galax *Galax aphylla*

### Primrose Family (*Primulaceae*)

- ☐ \*Shooting Star *Dodecatheon meadia*
- ☐ \*Fringed Loosestripe *Lysimachia ciliata*

### Ebony Family (*Ebenaceae*)

- ☐ \*Persimmon *Diospyros virginiana*

### Storax Family (*Styracaceae*)

- ☐ \*Silverbells *Halesia carolina*

### Dogbane Family (*Apocynaceae*)

- ☐ Periwinkle/Myrtle *Vinca minor*
- ☐ \*Indian Hemp *Apocynum cannabinum*

### Milkweed Family (*Asclepiadaceae*)

- ☐ \*Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa*
- ☐ \*Common Milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*

### Polemonium Family (*Polemoniaceae*)

- ☐ \*Greek Valerian *Polemonium reptans*
- ☐ \*Moss Phlox *Phlox subulata*
- ☐ \*Wild Blue Phlox *Phlox divaricata*
- ☐ \*Wild Sweet William *Phlox maculata*

### Waterleaf Family (*Hydrophyllaceae*)

- ☐ \*Appendaged Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*
- ☐ \*Small-flowered Phacelia *Phacelia dubia*

### Borage Family (*Boraginaceae*)

- ☐ \*Smaller Forget-me-not *Myosotis laxa*
- ☐ \*Virginia Bluebells *Mertensia virginica*

### Mint Family (*Labiatae*)

- ☐ \*Hairy Skullcap *Scutellaria elliptica*
- ☐ \*Downy Skullcap *Scutellaria incana*
- ☐ Ground Ivy *Glechoma hederacea*
- ☐ \*Heal-all *Prunella vulgaris*
- ☐ Henbit *Lamium amplexicaule*
- ☐ Purple Dead-nettle *Lamium purpureum*
- ☐ \*Lyre-leaved Sage *Salvia lyrata*
- ☐ \*Basil Balm *Monarda clinopodia*
- ☐ \*Downy Woodmint *Blephilia ciliata*
- ☐ \*Hairy Woodmint *Blephilia hirsuta*
- ☐ \*Hoary Mountain-mint *Pycnanthemum incanum*

### Figwort Family (*Scrophulariaceae*)

- ☐ \*Foxglove Beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis*
- ☐ Princess-tree/Paulownia *Paulownia tomentosa*
- ☐ \*Culver's-root *Veronicastrum virginicum*
- ☐ Common Speedwell *Veronica officinalis*
- ☐ \*Winged Monkey-flower *Mimulus alatus*
- ☐ \*Common Lousewort/Wood Betony *Pedicularis canadensis*

- ☐ \*Smooth Yellow Foxglove *Aureolaria flava*

### Madder Family (*Rubiaceae*)

- ☐ \*Common Bedstraw *Galium aparine*
- ☐ \*Buttonbush *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- ☐ \*Partridge Berry *Mitchella repens*
- ☐ \*Bluets *Houstonia caerulea*

### Honeysuckle Family (*Caprifoliaceae*)

- ☐ Tartarian Honeysuckle *Lonicera tatarica*
- ☐ Japanese Honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*
- ☐ \*Hobblebush *Viburnum alnifolium*
- ☐ \*Black Haw *Viburnum prunifolium*
- ☐ \*Black Elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*
- ☐ \*Red Elderberry *Sambucus pubens*

### Composite Family (*Compositae*)

- ☐ \*Robin's Plantain *Erigeron pulchellus*
- ☐ \*Daisy Fleabane *Erigeron strigosus*
- ☐ \*Field Pussytoes *Antennaria neglecta*
- ☐ Ox-eye Daisy *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*
- ☐ Coltsfoot *Tussilago farfara*
- ☐ Common Dandelion *Taraxacum officinale*

### Species Spotlight: American Ginseng

Known for its medicinal properties the world over, American ginseng was harvested to the edge of extinction. Now protected, it is illegal to harvest or possess this plant in national parks. Visit [www.nps.gov/neri](http://www.nps.gov/neri) to learn more about the work being done to help this important Appalachian species.



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New River Gorge National River

## Spring and Early Summer Wildflower Checklist



Bloodroot

New River Gorge is home to a great diversity of plants, with over 1,800 flora species found in this area. This checklist does not include all local species, but highlights many herbaceous and woody plants that bloom in the spring and early summer. Enjoy these natural wonders of central Appalachia and leave nature as you find it.

\* = species native to West Virginia

### Sedge Family (Cyperaceae)

- \*Fraser's Sedge *Carex fraseri*

### Arum Family (Araceae)

- \*Jack-in-the-pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum*

### Spiderwort Family (Commelinaceae)

- \*Ohio Spiderwort *Tradescantia ohioensis*

### Lily Family (Liliaceae)

- \*Devil's Bit *Chamaelirium luteum*
- \*Mealy Bellwort *Uvularia perfoliata*
- \*Large-flowered Bellwort *Uvularia grandiflora*
- \*Sessile-leaved Bellwort *Uvularia sessilifolia*
- \*Mountain Bellwort *Uvularia pudica*
- \*Yellow Trout Lily *Erythronium americanum*
- \*False Solomon's Seal *Smilacina racemosa*
- \*Wild Lily-of-the-valley *Maianthemum canadense*

- \*Fairy Bells *Disporum lanuginosum*
- \*Twisted Stalk *Streptopus roseus*
- \*Indian Cucumber Root *Medeola virginiana*
- \*Solomon's Seal *Polygonatum biflorum*
- \*Great Solomon's Seal *Polygonatum canaliculatum*

- \*Sessile Trillium *Trillium sessile*
- \*Nodding Trillium *Trillium cernuum*
- \*Ill-scented Trillium *Trillium erectum*
- \*Large-flowered Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*
- \*Painted Trillium *Trillium undulatum*
- \*Common Greenbrier *Smilax rotundifolia*

### Iris Family (Iridaceae)

- \*Crested Iris *Iris cristata*

### Orchis Family (Orchidaceae)

- \*Pink Lady's Slipper *Cypripedium acaule*
- \*Large Yellow Lady's Slipper *Cypripedium pubescens*
- \*Showy Orchis *Orchis spectabilis*
- \*Puttyroot/Adam-and-Eve *Aplectrum hyemale*
- \*Large Twayblade *Liparis lilifolia*

### Lizard's Tail Family (Saururaceae)

- \*Lizard's Tail *Saururus cernuus*

### Birthwort Family (Aristolochiaceae)

- \*Wild Ginger *Asarum canadense*
- \*Dutchman's Pipe *Aristolochia macrophylla*

### Purslane Family (Portulacaceae)

- \*Carolina Spring Beauty *Claytonia caroliniana*
- \*Spring Beauty *Claytonia virginica*

### Pink Family (Caryophyllaceae)

- \*Great Chickweed *Stellaria pubera*
- \*Wild Pink *Silene caroliniana*
- \*Fire Pink *Silene virginica*

### Buttercup Family (Ranunculaceae)

- \*Hooked Crowfoot *Ranunculus recurvatus*
- \*Early Meadowrue *Thalictrum dioicum*
- \*Rue Anemone *Anemone thalictroides*
- \*Sharp-lobed Hepatica *Hepatica nobilis* var. *acuta*

- \*Round-lobed Hepatica *Hepatica nobilis* var. *obtusa*
- \*Thimbleweed *Anemone virginiana*
- \*Wood Anemone *Anemone quinquefolia*
- \*Wild Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*
- \*Dwarf Larkspur *Delphinium tricorne*
- \*Black Snakeroot *Cimicifuga racemosa*
- \*White Baneberry *Actaea pachypoda*
- \*Goldenseal *Hydrastis canadensis*

### Barberry Family (Berberidaceae)

- \*May-apple *Podophyllum peltatum*
- \*Twinleaf *Jeffersonia dipylla*
- \*Blue Cohosh *Caulophyllum thalictroides*
- \*American Barberry *Berberis canadensis*

### Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

- \*Cucumber Magnolia *Magnolia acuminata*
- \*Umbrella Magnolia *Magnolia tripetala*
- \*Fraser/Mountain Magnolia *Magnolia fraseri*
- \*Tulip Poplar *Liriodendron tulipifera*

### Custard Apple Family (Annonaceae)

- \*Pawpaw *Asimina triloba*

### Laurel Family (Lauraceae)

- \*Spicebush *Lindera benzoin*
- \*White Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*

### Poppy Family (Papaveraceae)

- \*Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis*

### Fumitory Family (Fumariaceae)

- \*Squirrel Corn *Dicentra canadensis*
- \*Dutchman's Breeches *Dicentra cucullaria*
- \*Yellow Corydalis *Corydalis flavula*

### Mustard Family (Cruciferae)

- \*Wild Peppergrass *Lepidium virginicum*
- \*Garlic Mustard *Alliaria officinalis*
- \*Dame's Rocket *Hesperis matronalis*
- \*Winter Cress *Barbarea vulgaris*
- \*Spring Cress *Barbarea verna*
- \*Slender Toothwort *Dentaria heterophylla*
- \*Cutleaf Toothwort *Dentaria laciniata*
- \*Purple Cress *Cardamine douglassii*
- \*Pennsylvania Bittercress *Cardamine pensylvanica*
- \*Hairy Rockcress *Arabis hirsuta*
- \*Smooth Rockcress *Arabis laevigata*
- \*Sicklepod *Arabis canadensis*

### Orpine Family (Crassulaceae)

- \*Mossy Stonecrop *Sedum acre*
- \*Wild Stonecrop *Sedum ternatum*

### Saxifrage Family (Saxifragaceae)

- \*Early Saxifrage *Saxifraga virginensis*
- \*Foamflower *Tiarella cordifolia*
- \*Alumroot *Heuchera americana*
- \*Miterwort/Bishop's Cap *Mitella diphylla*
- \*Golden Saxifrage *Chrysozplenium americanum*
- \*Wild Hydrangea *Hydrangea arborescens*
- \*Prickly Gooseberry *Ribes cynosbati*

### Rose Family (Rosaceae)

- \*Goatsbeard *Arunca dioicus*
- \*Black Chokeberry *Aronia melanocarpa*
- \*Wild Crab Apple *Malus coronaria*
- \*Common Serviceberry *Amelanchier arborea*
- \*Woodland Strawberry *Fragaria vesca*
- \*Indian Strawberry *Duchesnea indica*
- \*Common Cinquefoil *Potentilla simplex*
- \*White Avens *Geum canadense*
- \*Common Blackberry *Rubus allegheniensis*
- \*Red Raspberry *Rubus idaeus*
- \*Wild Black Cherry *Prunus serotina*

### Purse Family (Leguminosae)

- \*Honey Locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*
- \*Redbud *Cercis canadensis*
- \*False Blue Indigo *Baptisia australis*
- \*Red Clover *Trifolium pratense*
- \*Black Locust *Robinia pseudo-acacia*
- \*Wisteria *Wisteria frutescens*

### Wood Sorrel Family (Oxalidaceae)

- \*Violet Wood Sorrel *Oxalis violacea*
- \*Great Yellow Wood Sorrel *Oxalis grandis*

### Geranium Family (Genaniaceae)

- \*Wild Geranium *Geranium maculatum*

### Cashew Family (Anacardiaceae)

- \*Poison Ivy *Toxicodendron radicans*

### Holly Family (Aquifoliaceae)

- \*American Holly *Ilex opaca*
- \*Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*

### Maple Family (Aceraceae)

- \*Mountain Maple *Acer spicatum*
- \*Striped Maple *Acer pensylvanicum*
- \*Black Sugar Maple *Acer nigrum*
- \*Red Maple *Acer rubrum*

### Horse-chestnut Family (Hippocastanaceae)

- \*Yellow Buckeye *Aeculus octandra*

### Vine Family (Vitaceae)

- \*Virginia Creeper *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- \*Summer Grape *Vitis aestivalis*

### Violet Family (Violaceae)

- \*Marsh Blue Violet *Viola cucullata*
- \*Le Conte's Violet *Viola affinis*
- \*Sweet White Violet *Viola blanda*
- \*Northern White Violet *Viola pallens*
- \*Halberd-leaf Yellow Violet *Viola hastata*
- \*Downy Yellow Violet *Viola pubescens*
- \*Smooth Yellow Violet *Viola pensylvanica*
- \*Canada Violet *Viola canadensis*
- \*American Dog Violet *Viola conspersa*
- \*Long-spurred Violet *Viola rostrata*
- \*Wild Pansy *Viola rafinesquii*