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**RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES FOURTH ANNUAL “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes and Individual Students in Service Area Invited to Participate*

**SAN CARLOS, CA - January 12, 2016** – RethinkWaste is inviting students and teachers to get creative and give trash a new meaning through its fourth annual “Trash to Art” Contest. The contest is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the RethinkWaste service area and will feature a special category for individual students.

“This year we are excited to expand the contest to include 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes and individual students too! We can’t wait to see all the artwork,” said RethinkWaste Environmental Education Coordinator Faustina Mututa. “Over the years, we have received amazing, creative art pieces that showcase the imagination of students and teachers in our community.

For the class category, art pieces must be made as a class effort. Individual 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students can submit art piece(s) for the individual category. Approximately 90% of the art must be made from recyclable or non-recyclable materials collected at home, school and everyday life. All mediums of artwork are encouraged, including sculptures, collages and murals, among others. Art pieces should not exceed 3 feet x 3 feet in size and must meet at least one of the following requirements: frame-able, weather resistant, can stand alone and easily transported by one person.

Artwork must be submitted by 5 pm on April 1, 2016 to the Environmental Education Center at the Shoreway Environmental Center, 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Winning art pieces will be announced on April 8, 2016 and recognized at the RethinkWaste Earth Day event on April 23, 2016. Artwork will also be displayed at the Environmental Education Center as part of an educational exhibit. Prizes will be awarded for each category as follows:

Class Category	Individual Category Gift Card
First Place: \$500 and pizza party!	\$200
Second Place: \$250	\$150
Third Place: \$150	\$100
Fourth Place: \$100	\$50

Last year’s winners included classes from Foster City Elementary School, Nesbit Elementary in Belmont, Laurel Elementary School and Parkside Elementary School in San Mateo. For complete contest rules and entry forms, please visit [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) or send an email to [tours@rethinkwaste.org](mailto:tours@rethinkwaste.org).

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MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough  
 City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

## RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public Agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the award-winning Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste's environmental education and tour program has also received state and national awards and hosts over five thousand visitors per year. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste](https://www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste) or [www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste](https://www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste).

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