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**RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2018 "TRASH TO ART" CONTEST**  
*Art pieces will be displayed Saturday, April 21 at Earth Day @ Shoreway Event*

**SAN CARLOS, CA – April 18, 2018** – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its sixth annual "Trash to Art" Contest, which was open to all 3rd through 5th grade classes and individual students in the RethinkWaste service area. The contest challenged students and teachers to create a piece of art from normally discarded materials collected at home, school, and everyday life. A total of 9 classes and 23 individual students from 13 different schools submitted one-of-a-kind pieces. Winners will be recognized at RethinkWaste's annual Earth Day@Shoreway event this Saturday, April 21st, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

In the Class Category, First Place will be awarded to Denise Kirksey's third grade class at St. Pius School in Redwood City for their "'Heart' The Earth" piece made from wood, magazine, and paper. The class will receive \$500 and a pizza party!

Ms. Kirksey's fourth grade class at St. Pius School will receive Second Place for their "Rethink Truck" art piece made from cans, plastic bottles, and plastic bags. They will receive \$250.

Third Place goes to the fourth and fifth graders in Judie Ngov's class at Foster City School for "Kirsti's Dollhouse," inspired by the book "Number the Stars," and made from cardboard boxes, fabric, bottle caps, and paper. They will receive \$150.

In the individual category, First Place will be awarded to third grader Jordan Rice of Redwood Shores Elementary in Redwood City for his "Birdhouse" made from bottle caps, leaves, and used wine corks. He will receive a \$150 gift card.

Second place will also go to a third grader at Redwood Shores Elementary, Nadia Urbina, for her "Desk Organizer" made from rolled up pieces of colored paper. She will receive a \$100 gift card.

Natalie Tha, a third grader at White Oaks Elementary in San Carlos, will receive Third Place for her "Tree House of Wonders" art piece. She used cardboard, paper, popsicle sticks, paper tubes, wine corks, straws, and bottle caps. She will receive a \$50 gift card.

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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

"Every year the students make creative art pieces and this year was no different, making it always so difficult in choosing our favorites," said Joe La Mariana, RethinkWaste's Executive Director.

All art pieces will be displayed at our free Earth Day @ Shoreway event Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Images of the winners are also attached. The Shoreway Environmental Center is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. For more information, visit [www.RethinkWaste.org/EarthDay](http://www.RethinkWaste.org/EarthDay).

#### About RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public agencies in San Mateo County (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, City of San Mateo, parts of unincorporated San Mateo County, and the West Bay Sanitary District). We own and manage the Shoreway Environmental Center, which processes all the collected trash, recyclable and compostable materials. See [www.RethinkWaste.org/EarthDay](http://www.RethinkWaste.org/EarthDay) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @RethinkWaste.

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## 2018 Trash to Art Winner Photos



**Class Category - First Place**

"Heart! The Earth"

Third grade - St. Pius School, Redwood City



**Class Category - Second Place**

"Rethink" Truck

Fourth grade - St. Pius School, Redwood City



**Class Category - Third Place**

"Kirsti's Dollhouse"

Fifth grade – Foster City School, Foster City



**Individual Category – First Place**  
“Birdhouse”

Jordan Rice, third grade, Redwood Shores Elementary, Redwood City



**Individual Category - Second Place**  
“Desk Organizer”

Nadia Urbina, third grade, Redwood Shores Elementary, Redwood City



**Individual Category - Third Place**  
“Tree House of Wonders”

Natalie Tha, third grade, White Oaks Elementary, San Carlos