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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2017 “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST
Art pieces to be displayed at Earth Day @ Shoreway Event on April 8th

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 4, 2017 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its fifth 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 give trash a new meaning by creating artwork of any medium such as sculptures, collages, and murals from material collected at home, school, and everyday life. A total of 6 classes and 20 individual students submitted one-of-a-kind pieces. Winners will be recognized at RethinkWaste’s annual Earth Day@Shoreway event on Saturday, April 8th, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

In the Class Category, First Place will be awarded to the 3rd grade class of teachers Leah Harper & Tali Kreindler from Kids Connection in Foster City for their “Landfill Orchestra” made from cardboard boxes, paper cups, milk cartons and metal trays. Their art piece was inspired by the Recycled Orchestra Cateura in Paraguay. The class will receive \$500 and a pizza party!

Teachers Erin Bautista and Courtney Mooring’s 3rd grade class from South Hillsborough School in the Town of Hillsborough will receive Second Place for their “Stop Littering Our Beaches” piece made from cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic table cloth, and sand. They will receive \$250.

Third Place goes to fourth/fifth graders in Sarah Balling’s class who teaches at Arroyo Elementary in San Carlos for their “Unicorn” made from aluminum trays, plastic tubes and paper. They will receive \$150.

Fourth Place goes to the fourth/fifth graders in Ginger Slonaker’s class from Wornick Jewish Day School in Foster City for their “Wall Mosaic” made from cardboard, tin cans, and bottle caps. Their piece was inspired by the artist Louise Nevelson whom they studied. They will receive \$100.

In the individual category, First Place will be awarded to fourth grade student, Kaitlin Tan of George Hall Elementary in San Mateo for her 3-D garbage truck made from aluminum trays, a plastic cup, a tin can, and wooden sticks. She will receive a \$200 gift card.

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City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

Audrey Lam, a fourth grader at Foster City Elementary will receive Second Place and a \$150 gift card for her “Recycled Zodiac Float” made from cardboard, milk cartons, and paper rolls.

Third Place goes to fourth grader Nikita Pules at George Hall Elementary in San Mateo for her “Dream Vacation House” art piece. She used paper, popsicle sticks, and plastic lids. She will receive a \$100 gift card.

Fourth Place goes to Zoë Zaugg, 4th grader from Roy Cloud Elementary in Redwood City for her “Glam Trash Girl” made from bottle caps, paper, plastic forks, cans, and fabric. She will receive a \$50 gift card.

“The students made really amazing and creative art pieces, making it very hard to pick winners for each category. The art pieces are inspiring and will be displayed at our Earth Day event this Saturday for everyone’s enjoyment,” said Faustina Mututa, RethinkWaste’s Environmental Education Coordinator.

In addition to the winning pieces, submissions were received from Roosevelt Elementary in Burlingame, West School in Hillsborough, Encinal Elementary in Atherton, Beechwood School in Menlo Park, North Star Academy and Kipp Exellencia in Redwood City, Baywood Elementary in San Mateo and Belmont Oaks Academy.

The free Earth Day@Shoreway event will include tours of the facility, kids’ activities, a free compost giveaway, informational booths, prizes and more, which promises to be fun for the whole family. Shoreway is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. For more information, visit www.RethinkWaste.org.

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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 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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