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### RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2015 "TRASH TO ART" CONTEST *Art Pieces to Be Displayed at Shoreway Earth Day Event on April 11<sup>th</sup>*

**SAN CARLOS, CA – April 9, 2015** – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its third annual "Trash to Art" Contest, which was open to all 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the RethinkWaste service area. Winners will be recognized at RethinkWaste's fourth annual Earth Day@Shoreway event on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

First Place will be awarded to the fifth grade class of teacher Dawn Presse from Foster City Elementary in Foster City for their robot. Students used such materials as bottle caps, cartons and cans to create the three-dimensional piece. The class will receive \$500 and a VIP tour of Shoreway.

Teacher Kimberly Moorman's fifth grade class from Nesbit Elementary in Belmont will receive Second Place for their bird feeder. The piece was created using plastic bottles, caps, and an old shelf. They will receive \$250 and a VIP tour of Shoreway.

Third Place goes to fourth graders in Tisha Whitley's class who teaches at Laurel Elementary in San Mateo for their beachscape. The piece is made from pipe cleaners, egg cartons, buttons and plastics. The Third Place prize is \$150.

Fourth Place went to the fourth grade classes of Amanda St. Clair at Parkside Elementary in San Mateo for their dog house made from plastic bottles, snack wrappers, netting, paper and wood. They will receive \$100 for their class.

"We are always so excited to see what the students will come up with and they always exceed our expectations," said RethinkWaste Environmental Education Associate Heather Co. "They really take the concept of reuse to heart with their art pieces."

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 from home, school, and everyday life. A total of five classes submitted one-of-a-kind pieces that were posted online, giving the public a chance to vote for their top three favorites. In addition to the winners' schools, submissions were received from Roosevelt Elementary in Redwood City. They will each receive \$50 for their participation. All pieces will be on display at Earth Day@Shoreway.

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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

In addition to recognizing the “Trash to Art” Contest winners, the free Earth Day@Shoreway event will include tours of the facility, kids’ activities, a free compost giveaway, informational booths, prizes and more, and promises to be fun for the whole family. Shoreway is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. For more information, visit [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org).

### 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 nearly six 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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