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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES FIFTH ANNUAL “TRASH TO ART” CONTEST
3rd Through 5th Grade Classes and Individual Students in Service Area Invited to Participate

SAN CARLOS, CA – February 21, 2017 – RethinkWaste is inviting students and teachers to get creative and give trash a new meaning through its fifth annual “Trash to Art” Contest. The contest is open to all 3rd to 5th grade classes and individual students in the RethinkWaste service area.

“We always look forward to see the creativity of the students. It’s amazing how they come up with really cool, artsy reuse ideas. We can’t wait to see all the artwork,” said Faustina Mututa, RethinkWaste Environmental Education Coordinator. “The art pieces become a great addition to the education center exhibits for all visitors to learn from and enjoy.”

For the class category, art pieces must be made as a class effort. Individual 3rd-5th 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 March 24, 2017 to the Environmental Education Center at the Shoreway Environmental Center, 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Winning art pieces will be announced on March 31, 2017 and recognized at the RethinkWaste Earth Day event on April 8, 2017. 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 Nesbit Elementary in Belmont, Highlands Elementary in San Mateo, Los Robles Magnet Academy in East Palo Alto, and Brewer Island Elementary in Foster City. Individual winners included students from Stanbridge Academy in San Mateo, Encinal School in

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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

Atherton and Lead Elementary in San Mateo. For complete contest rules and entry forms, please visit www.RethinkWaste.org or send an email to tours@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 or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.

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