

Judges spot winning art in pencil drawing of Dalmatian puppy

The judges of this year's annual *Cooperative Living* Youth Art Contest knew they had spotted a Best-in-Show winner in 10-year-old Hanlin Zhang's precisely penciled art contest submission. The winning artwork depicts a spotted Dalmatian puppy curled up on a red-and-white-checked blanket.

In this year's annual contest, young creative minds (kindergarten through fifth grade) were tasked with the challenge of portraying visual interpretations of the theme, "Animals."

We received hundreds of colorful images with artistic illustrations of every kind of animal imaginable — everything from lions and exotic birds to puppies and bunny rabbits.

Best-in-Show honors go to Hanlin, the daughter of Jing and Catherine Zhang of Vienna. "I was very happy when I found out I won. I worked on my drawing for three weeks," says Hanlin, who would one day like to have a dog of her own. "We are very excited about Hanlin winning Best in Show in the contest. We don't own a dog yet, but it has been Hanlin's wish for years," says her mother. In the meantime, Hanlin settles for petting all the neighborhood dogs.

Hanlin, who is a rising fifth grader at Flint Hill Elementary School in Vienna, used colored pencils to create her winning entry. "My art teacher asked me to look through a folder of images and pick something that would inspire my art. I chose the Dalmatian because I thought it was cute," she says. It was a natural fit, since Hanlin says she not only loves dogs because they're playful and fun — but she's also a huge fan of panda bears. "They're both black-and-white animals, I guess," she says, smiling.

Hanlin is featured on the cover of this issue posing in purple with her new stuffed-animal Dalmatian friend, Spotty. Hanlin loves pink, enjoys playing basketball with her 14-year-old brother Hanwen and says she'd like to be a pediatrician one day.

More than 425 student artists entered the annual competition, which was judged by staff at the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, publisher of *Cooperative Living*. First place in each grade category received a \$25 cash prize, and Hanlin's Best-in-Show work earned her a \$100 prize.

"We started the Youth Art Contest to encourage youthful creativity and give kids a chance to share their artwork with the magazine's 1.25 million readers," said Bill Sherrod, *Cooperative Living's* editor. "Everyone who judged the entries was impressed with both the quality and creativity of the students' work."

The contest was announced in the February and March-April issues of *Cooperative Living* and entries were due May 1. Congratulations to all whose work was selected in the judging process. And again this year, we want to thank all the young artists who sent in their artwork for judging. You're all winners! ■



Best
In Show

Hanlin Zhang
of Vienna
4th grade



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2017 YOUTH ART

Animals

Kindergarten



FIRST PLACE
Arnav Dusad of Brambleton



SECOND PLACE
Abigail Knauth
of Woodbridge



THIRD PLACE
Maliyah Famble
of Tappahannock

First Grade



FIRST PLACE
Samika Karnam
of Centreville



SECOND PLACE
Emme Heale
of Stuarts Draft



THIRD PLACE
Viktoria Ignatieva
of Fairfax

CONTEST WINNERS

Second Grade



FIRST PLACE
Katelyn Knauth of Woodbridge



SECOND PLACE
Ezra Toole of Stuarts Draft



THIRD PLACE
Colton Blankenship
of Mount Crawford

Third Grade



FIRST PLACE
Micaela Deza of Chantilly



SECOND PLACE
Mariner Gleich of Lexington



THIRD PLACE
Samhita Kotamraju of Ashburn

Fourth Grade



FIRST PLACE
Savanna Loy of Manassas



SECOND PLACE
Kerrigan Mitcham of Newport



THIRD PLACE
Kendall Gordon of Dinwiddie

Fifth Grade



FIRST PLACE
Emerson Lewis
of Virginia Beach



SECOND PLACE
Mihika Dusad
of Brambleton



THIRD PLACE
Sadie Alphin of Goshen

HONORABLE MENTION

KINDERGARTEN

Zaylee Fortune
David Perez
Jacob Mullins
Ronald Gibson
Shanelle Esco
Caraiyn Lepp
Caylin Dear
Carly Sprouse
Harley Delp
Finnegan Aeran
Kapi Khaitan
Ariana Kosak
Skylar McDaniel
Elizabeth Evans
Nevaeh Rexrode
Hensley Neil
Michael Nenyuk
Sophie Hampt
Natalie Saul
Michael Isel
Lucy Quillen
Olive Zellej
Deckard DeLorme
Nailah Sanders
Norah Willis
Allen Spain
Maggie Rutz
Andrew Purves
Kai Toole
Ashlyn Parkinson
Jonah Lanthier
Hannah White
Eva Textor
Eli Knaggs
Vera Smith
Noah Mangan
Caleb Rolon
Caleb Moseley
Cole Perkins
Anabelle Jones
Madelyn Robic
Elly Sennott
Seth Redd
Hailey Lam
Hashvik Poola
Ashlynn Minnigh
Liliana Wasicki-Sweat

FIRST GRADE

Layla Waldron
Caleya Robinson
Melanie Pride

Tyler Mcleod
Robert Stargel
Elijah Smith
Desireé Alvarez
Payton Wade
Raelyn Decatur
Gabriel Meyers
Lyric Walker
Mariah Cauthorne
Danielle Buckley
Quiara Armstead
Laete Barrientos
LeeAnn Toy
Kayleigh Wilson
Imani Canady
Ellie Walker
Tyler Eickmeyer
Emily Scheulen
Rachel Mondarez
Mya Pope
Arnold Benevedes
Micah Lipscomb
Morgan Davis
Kevin Diaz-Garnica
Calli Grace Giorgilli
Lane Green
Joshua Fedor
Joseph Sellers
Alyssa Eickmeyer
Madison Charnley
Scarlett Anderson
Colter Christensen
Vincenzo Gagliardi
Caleb Fedor
Noah Marshall-Maki
Elin Essex
Bailey Wolfe
Luci Chapman
Ryleigh Phillips
Caleb Crouse
Jeffrey Hamilton
Daniel Long
Elyse Lyon
Subhashree Munagala
Taylor Brann
James Robertson
Steven Rogers
Natalie Fisher
Paisley Deardeuff
Ashley Pumphrey
Morgan Bartley
Abby Piper
Jolene Quick

Molli Dickey
Noah Dacko
Danica Austin
Gabriel Faust
Alexis Corbin
Eva Melgar
Jackson Ward
Austin Darden
Kaitlyn Kim
Sarah Oberg
Landon Cook
Lewis Gibson
Hazel Altman
Caelan Drummond
Macey Paxton
Liam Murrell
Amira Mahdi

SECOND GRADE

Isis Lachia Layton
Ricky Ellis
Zeke Reid
Caleb Jackman
Luke Hill
Hannah Mangan
Brynn Raedeke
Caleb Word
Shelby vanHoven
Riley Nicely
Abigail Newton
Ella Carpenter
Jayden Haywood
Asher Lanthier
Bella Rose Foster
Wyatt Kenny
Meghan Alicie
Camden Kapolka
Alexis Collins
Amelia Glass
Zach Uribe
Hanna Rivera
Phoebe Miller
Kolten Kerr
Madison Barb
Kyla Wilhelm
Thomas Zephir
Anthony Williams
Brittany Wenger
Julie Knauth
Jayden Carneal
Arthur Duke
Henry Ouzts
Tatiana Kadelis

Isabelle Prasarn
Kierra Altice
Noah Waits
Erin Andreas
Grace Chapple
Sebastian Wunsch
Keerthana Sivakumar
Carly Shotwell
Reese Morris
Conner Lokey
Charlotte Fisher
Brooklyn Clark
Tymere Lewis
Jaylen Payne
Matthew Smith
Bella Foster
Lincoln Roncaglione
Bailey Whetzel
Soraya Lopez
Caitlin Lepp
Ava Crofoot
Robert Mcleod
Chloe Hoyt
Caiden Kisiah
Olivia Lochner
Dane Grill
Amani Famble
Tyson Dugan
Chloe Stamper
Tegan Grimshaw
Anika Karnam
Daphne Savage
Kyleigh Makely
Veronica Polcha
Susan Hevener
Payton Gardner
Kaitlyn Wilhelm
David Rackmales
Caroline Rackmales

THIRD GRADE

Wil Prince
Mathew Lehr
Chanel Smith
Kyndal Delaney
Myriana Rodriguez Monilla
Alani Canales
Teagan Way
Madilynn Anderson
John Gibson
Deon'ni Wells

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HONORABLE MENTION

Cecilia Stargel
Kaylee Kingsbury
Jaden Puckett
Katarina Poicha
Luke Delp
Autumn Hatcher
Gwenyth Copley
Tirzah DeLorme
Claire Perkins
Dache Carmine
Alillian Smith
Trevor Burrows
Alexander Garcia-Leyva
Jonas Miller
Dejah Baltimore
Caris Grell
Clara Deardeuff
Ava Witt
Russhe Jones
Aiden Lassiter
Ainsley Gray
Katie Brunton
Simone Hume
Annie Heale
Giovanni Gagliardi
Donovan Keyser
Skylynn Heatwole
Alice Greenwood
Amin Nahidian
Reese Grimshaw
Deborah McMurray
Julia Haworth
Dulaney Wilhelm
Lauryn Cook
Sasha Albarelli
Kammie Fisher
Kallie Fisher
Grayson Seyle
Maisam Nahidian
Landon Heath
Mia Porter
Zara Ramadan
Mirabella Lanthier
Sarah Bihi
Simon Miller
Damien Hall
Hailey Hendershot
Connor Hilliard
Frances Dacko
Megan Wolfcale
Seamus West
Emma Jones
Rebecca Reed

Megan Crawford
Elliott Moreno
Carlie Mowell
Elsa McGarvey
Jade Collins
Trinity Puffinberger
Falyn Forcier
Marissa Seaman
Slade Sugerman
Grace Risser
Gladys Campos

FOURTH GRADE

Sara Turney
Manushree Munagala
Skylar DeLorme
Kayleigh Jordan
Autumn Reed
Ellie Shoaf
Hrushu Poola
Georgia Butler
Shannon Alexander
Lucy Watson
Autumn Brooks
Sarah White
Michael Ward, III
Pepper Maranto
Alexis Boland
Christopher Kapolka
Alex Diggrassie
Mason Galloway
Kylee Click
Alyse Habeciner
Hayley Ring
Adalynn Jamison
Jayson Mitchell
Summer Nolan
Melanie Uργο
Kiera Saint Fleur
Amaya Kardelis
Ella Varner
Hannah Meyerhoeffler
Daisy Hutchinson
Kaitlyn Mullins
Maya Whitelaw
Devyn Simmons
Johnnie Tidd
Kara Seaman
Ryan Burton
Sasha Parrish
Sarah Coleman
Peter Nenyuk
Evan Kimble

Emily Eroh
Julia Moyle
Sreyus Guruvu
Jade Martin
Joshua Sellers
Haylie Hite
Samuel Havener
Landon Sobrito
Abby Wilhelm
Achal Sirsikar
Tevin Ross
Teagan Allen
Valerie Castro-Valdez
Angeleena Myers
Tristan Carpenter
Bly Hull
Sammie Gray
William McClung
Nevaeh Godwin
Rylee Chinault
Nick Hardy
Alexander Raynes

FIFTH GRADE

Josiah McMurray
Casey Chen
Cecilia McGuire
Savannah Crisman
Delaney Drummond
Hunter Word
Grace Howard
Cassandra Lowry
Addie Craghead
Zach Sweetman
Lexi Vonetes
Abigail Moseley
Samantha Kim
Hannah McCoy
Rebekah Lam
Kenneth Kerr
Jeremy Nichols
Kadynce VanHoven
Kenley Foster
Madeline Jones
Makenna Blair
Mariana Vendes
Luke Hooker
Charlie Potter
Aiden Ockerman
Landon Paschall
Dylan Love
Kalie Miller
Cassie Mayton

Hollyn Gleich
Colleen Houttekier
Alex Parks
Ashlyn Peiffer
Samuel Jones
Madison Craven
Kinzee Truslow
Michael Polcha
Logan Showalter
Serenity King
Felicity Wunsch
Samiya Famble
Casey Grell
Elena Brunton
Cameron Showalter
Ethan Jackman
Joshua Jackman
Andrew Rathburn
Vanessa Snapp
Sara Barilla
Abigail Harper
Ashley Mosonyi
Gracie Shoemaker
Alexa Byrne
Hunter Stamper
Eugene Lee
Alicia Sweet
Tage Haynes
Te'Asjah Rahim
Lauren Clarke
Amy Genz
Alexandra Hemingway
Hannah Park
Ella Hensley
Cammi Foster
Arya Paranganat
Lydia Kelley

These children also entered the art contest

Varunika Girubakaran
Brooke
Arianna Whitelaw
Madison Wysocki
Alexis Moats
Evan Adams
Daniel
Autumn Warner
Zalea Good
Dewey Moyers
Aunah Moyers
Dameron Powell ■