

Massachusetts Junior Duck Stamp Art at Millers River Environmental Center

June 4 through July 2, selected pieces of art that won awards in the Massachusetts Junior Duck Stamp contest will be on display at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main Street in Athol. Public open hours are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm. If you want a private showing, please contact abnc@millersriver.net to arrange a time.



2008 Best in Show by Sabrina Palanza

Since 1938, waterfowl stamps have been required of anyone hunting ducks or geese. The funds generated from these stamps have helped restore and improve important wetlands and the stamps have become collectors' items. Duck stamps are one of the most successful wildlife restoration programs in the history of this nation!

The Junior Duck Stamp Program was launched in 1991 by the US Fish & Wildlife Service with the aim of increasing young people's awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. In 1992, the US Fish and Wildlife Service printed the first ever Junior Duck Stamp with the funds going towards scholarships and educational grants.

We would like to invite teachers and their students to participate in the Massachusetts Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) Program. This conservation education program is designed to stimulate awareness and personal involvement in waterfowl & wetland conservation for students in grades K-12 through a student art project.

Art is reviewed in four categories: grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and there will be prizes offered to the top 25 entrants in each age category. The overall state winner will represent Massachusetts at the national competition.

To compete next year, visit this website:

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/jds/jds_materials.htm