

'My Favorite Hobby'

In this year's annual *Cooperative Living* Youth Art Contest, our young creative minds (kindergarten through fifth grade) were tasked with the challenge of portraying visual depictions of the theme, "My Favorite Hobby."

We received hundreds of colorful images with artistic illustrations of every kind of imaginable hobby — everything from horseback riding and farming to sports and book-reading.

Best in Show honors go to Mihika Dusad, the 9-year-old daughter of Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) members Meenal and Amit Dusad. "I was so surprised when I found out I won. I had put so much hard work into my drawing," says Dusad, who is

remarkably articulate and poised for her age.

Mihika, who attends Creighton's Corner Elementary School in Ashburn, used colored pencils to create her winning entry, which shows a colorful image of herself performing the classical Indian dance called *Kuchipudi*. "When it comes to drawing, I like how you can put a colored pencil to a page and color comes out, and so many colors together create a beautiful image," she says. Mihika worked on her art project for several weeks before deciding to enter it.

"I've been dancing since I was 4 years old," Mihika proudly explains, adding that the *Kuchipudi* dance is based on Indian mythology. "It involves gods,

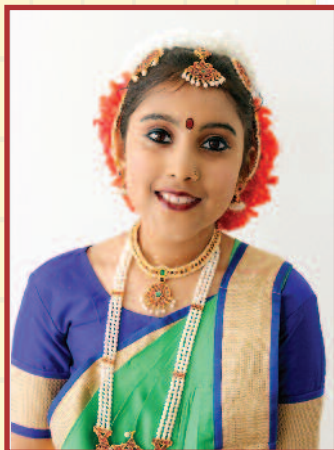
expressions, acting. That's why I like it. It's very unique and has a wonderful history. A man named Sidhendra Yogi founded it."

Dusad is featured on the cover of this issue wearing her Indian dance costume and make-up — a look that took three hours to achieve. "It would have taken even longer if I'd had my hair done in the back," she notes.

Almost 500 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 Mihika's "Best in Show" work earned her a \$100 prize.

Best In Show

Mihika Dusad
of Ashburn
4th grade



2016 YOUTH ART

Kindergarten



FIRST PLACE
Reed Ferrebee of Gore

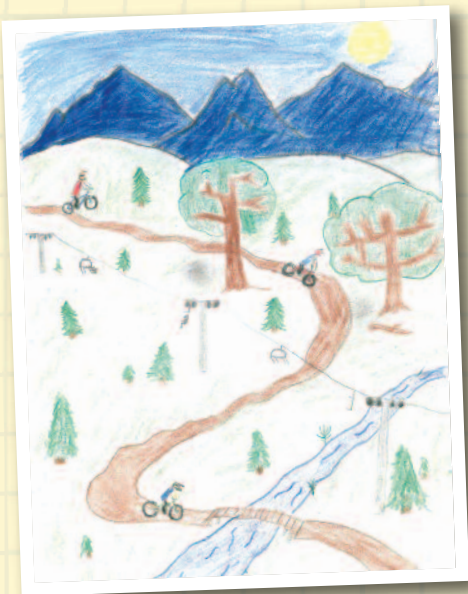


SECOND PLACE
Evangelyne Fanus
of Stephenson



THIRD PLACE
Gracie Greer of Ruther Glen

First Grade



FIRST PLACE
Colton Blankenship
of Mt. Crawford



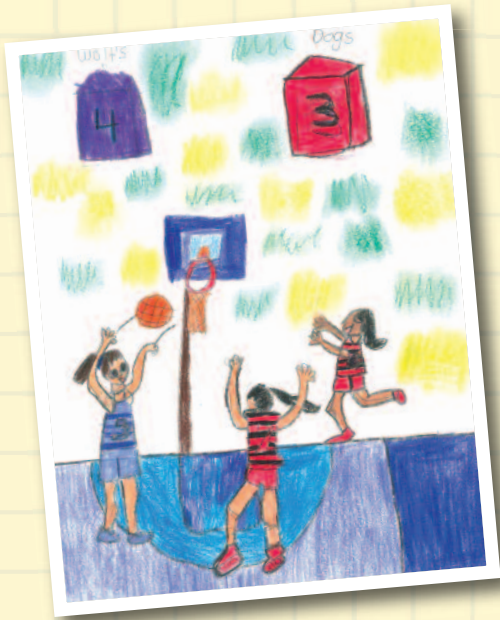
SECOND PLACE
Brittany Wenger
of Bridgewater



THIRD PLACE
Julie Knauth of Woodbridge

CONTEST WINNERS

Second Grade



FIRST PLACE
Elizabeth Martinez
of Annandale



SECOND PLACE
Josemaria Meister
of Annandale



THIRD PLACE
Payton Keck
of Tazewell, Tennessee

Third Grade



FIRST PLACE
Skylar Delorme
of Woodbridge



SECOND PLACE
Alexander Gould of Burke



THIRD PLACE
Sloane Ferrebee of Gore

Fourth Grade



FIRST PLACE
An Tran of Ashburn



SECOND PLACE
Kate Tull
of Tazewell, Tennessee



THIRD PLACE
Genesis Villatoro
of Ruther Glen

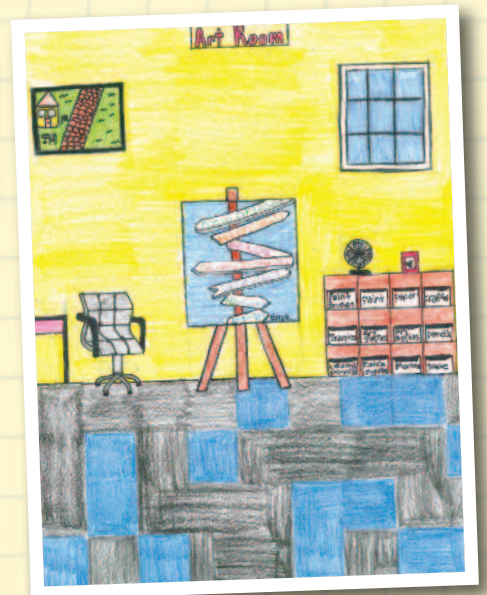
Fifth Grade



FIRST PLACE
Rhea Ganesan of Chantilly



SECOND PLACE
Miriam McMurray
of Harrisonburg



THIRD PLACE
Ella Kenney of Manquin



HONORABLE MENTION

KINDERGARTEN

Leah Hall
Daniel Witt
Jillian Folkening
Emily Cuthbertson
Eric Russell
Ashleigh McGarry
Ian Hardy
Jeff Crandall
Abigail Knauth
Brooke Clark
Lydia McMurray
Isabella Fitch
Collin Sharp
Mia Kavalieratos
Keira Montford
Charlotte Lehosit

FIRST GRADE

Phoebe Miller
Kylie Wieland
Ainsley Ford
Lydia Downing
Davin Montford
Quinn Heagney
Benjamin Tritle
Kayla Wright
Kaiden Shepherd
Chloe Rush
Sophia Garcia
Faith Beazley
Lanndon Wilkins
Lilly Seals
Kaleb Painter
Ryan Leonard
Cherish Charlton
Nathaniel Keller
Issac Lapointe
Chelsea Baumgardner
Austin Widmeyer
Avery Lankford
Emma Banty
Claire Boyle
Emerson Darden
Paisley Benson
Dalton Drake
Jaycee Hall
Lana Scott
Ethan McMahan
Addison Everett
Mia Rickman
Addison Gurganus

Jenna Phan
Jacob Salyers
Saydee Yoder
Jaylynn Ramsey
Shawn Jackson
Alex Mayes
Journey Johnson
Katelyn Knauth
Kaitlyn Wilhelm
Cecil Rogers
Bryeen Haynes
Cayden Kincaid
Ava Smith
Jaylee Hoskins
Harley Trosper
Mason Scott
Madisun Mullins
Terry Estep
Sydney Widner
Kaetlyn Arrieta
Blakely Fox
Jacob Harp
Mason Helton
Peyton Seal
Nick New
Chloe Abeare
King Divine
Cheyla Lowe
Blake Seals
Jordan Dye
Lee Kitchen
Savannah Knott
Briley Saylor
Jase Nichols
Elisha Johnson
Chloe Hoyt
Chloe Stamper
Nihar Patibandla

SECOND GRADE

Marley Sweet
Simon Miller
Ashlyn Rose
Tinsley Beazley
Dulaney Wilhelm
Alysse Roland
Aidan Chrisman
Emery Nuckols
Falyn Porcier
Matthew Spurrier
Jaylen Pressnell
Siri Allen
Layla Pell

Hailey Underwood
Hayden Raymond
Joslynn Harvey
Tyler Prebee
Kris Noah
Trinity Noe
RayLynn Sweet
Kaily Collins
Chris Hoskins
Addison Maiden
Alexa Napier
Ava Witt
Colby Crandall
Saniah Lucas
Madelyn Owens
Isabel Keyser
Kaylee Reynolds
Claire Baiyang
Colin Miller
Anderson Daniels
Deborah McMurray
Rebecca Weathington
Sarah Papola
Tristin Tuttle
Alex Painter
Rayleighn Eldridge
Carlie Gilbert
Deacon Munsey
Matthew Honeycutt
Jasmin Mize
Maelee Walters
Aden Roark
Destinie Dyer
Emilio Guevara
Caitlyn Smith
Byan Urban
Keelyn Gilbert
Krie Lane
Sami Perkins
Jasmine Estep
Emily
Tirzah Delorme
Tedra
Alex Young
Cayden Fugat
Maisam Nahidian
Parker Laforce
Raleigh Keys
Rachel Stephan
Aiden Altice
Grant Applewhite
Cooper Bass
Arianna Blythe

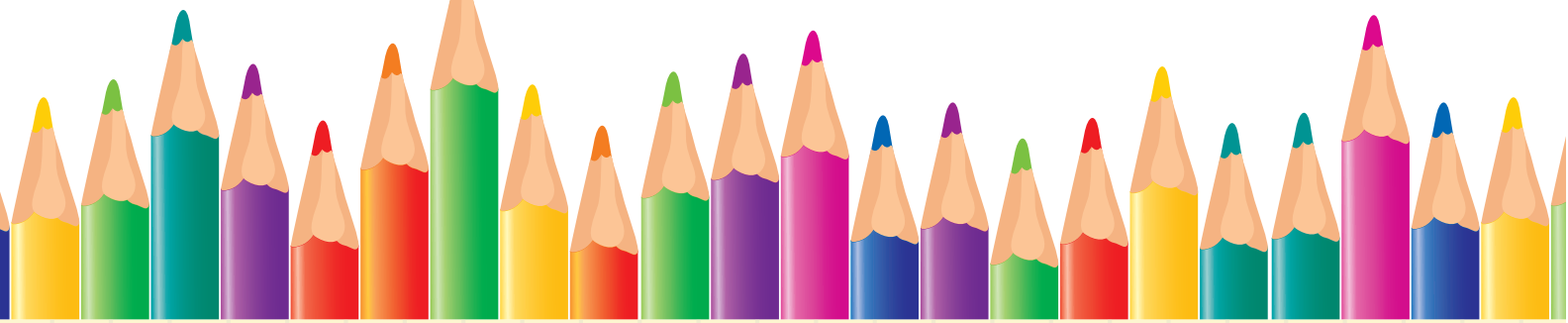
Hunter Bell
Jenna Brantley
Ty Buchanan
David Cuthbertson
Morgan Griffith
Jackson Harrell
Daniel Hoctor
Bryce Holland
Tyler Jarratt
Abigail Malish
Evan O'Bryant
Audrey Sawyer
Levi Vinson
Jackson Wise
Keirra Altice
Alex Nava-Sanchez
Jaxson Mundy
Arleigh Samuels
Alyssa Daniels
Destiny Fultz
Madeline Masterson
Helen Geier
Jaclyn E.
Emily Widner
Malaya
Michael Hensley
J W Folkening

THIRD GRADE

Zachary Hetcher
Mackenzie Knuckles
Hayley Ring
Shea Perkins
Nikita Iyer
Bryee Greene
Gavin Miles
Ryan Fisher
Caitlin Ball
Avery Thompson
Evelyn Clark
Tamarynn Martin
William Koogler
Shashi Verma
Brooklynn Jenkins
Ciara Cauley
Alexander Garcia
Emily Eroh
Sophia Aderton
Emily Hicks
Charlie Holewa
Morgan Smith
Ryleigh Nett
Victoria Weakley

Justin Burner
Jeron Morris
Addison
Muhlenkamp
Abigail Lepp
Ryley Gilbert
Desirae Hill
Shelby Smith
Hannah Tabor
Lily Stone
Brayden Fuson
John Wiley
Kloe Minton
Ari Stehney
Peyton Bingham
Ethan Aldridge
Nyia Poisso
Gunnar Davis
Caleb Irvin
Matthew Johnson
Gavin Bradford
Bella Gidens
Kaylie Weaver
Chloie Carroll
Emilee McGrath
Gabriel Wilkerson
Chris Lawson
Kaitlyn Marecki
Matthew McCorkel
Robbie Seabolt
Joey Holmes
Kayden Ramsey
Ashlynn Roberts
Alexander Greene
Callie Hoskins
Mattie Parker
Ryan Coleman
Cody Weaver
Harmon Bowers
Gavi Chilcote
Timothy Dunn
Joseph Pullen
Ricky Sykes
Destiny Boling
Madison Wheatley
Savanah
Mary Buchanan
Gracie Eldridge
Steven Cline
Abigail Yeary
Thomas Walker

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HONORABLE MENTION

Garrett Rains
 Christopher Rose
 Hayden Smith
 Carly Painter
 Hayden Russell
 Tyler Fultz
 Landon Sobrito
 Sarah White
 Kaylee Marlow
 Noah Sharp
 Bryson Mills
 Austyn Mehn
 Dutchess Rose
 Bryce Pope
 Anne Pope
 Addison Hutto
 Alana Holzer
 Tyler Francis
 Jack Everett
 Kelsea Etheridge
 Ayden Darden
 Kristin Goins
 Dagen Thomas
 Abby Moore
 Lily Powers
 Nate Reed
 Natalee Miller
 Lacey Gulley
 Hayden Beeler
 Nevaeh Poisso
 Kianna Ramsey
 Calleigh Keck
 Hannah Treadaway
 Kaden Miller
 Nathan Peterson
 Brooke Tinnell
 Xavier Campbell
 Nevaeh Mines
 Malik Huggi
 Tanner Hill
 Natalie Capps
 Jade Bussell
 Aiden Fette
 Skylar Brambley
 Chris Young
 Annabella Roark
 James Partin
 Abby Wilhelm
 Nathan Cupp
 Reagan Warwick
 Matthew Scott
 Emiley Taylor
 Channing Buis
 Payton Saylor

Keyland Ford
 Kylie Rosson
 Savana Allen
 Hudson Rose
 Brooklin Sutton
 Ethan Anthony
 Hannah Masterson
 Caroline Parker
 Ansley Howell
 Ben Webb
 Aden Gregg
 Jordan Nichols
 Kylee Mullins
 Lacey Davis
 Allison Harp
 Andrew Holt
 Braylon Hunley
 James Baumgardner
 Emily Cupp
 Alexis Brown
 Eddie Gambrel
 Riley Owens
 Elijah Myers
 William Cannon
 Riley Messer
 Trey Papola
 Jacob Wright
 Faith Oaks
 Jaden Garland
 Anthony Turner
 Jeffery Thompson
 Cayden Williams
 Kaydence Sweat
 Tenio Colis
 Joseph
 Noah Combs

FOURTH GRADE

Leah Rose
 Jewel Curry
 Isabella Perez
 Larkin Shire
 Emma Ray
 Eli Moran
 Sara Bonilla
 Jessica Beazley
 Carley Hall
 Lacey Estep
 Emily Bowen
 Tanui Pedireddi
 Nichole Shockley
 Joseph McMurray
 Abby Moseley
 Ella Hensley

Jacob Peden
 Lauren Clarke
 Allie Cosby
 Tabitha Potter
 Hunter Stamper
 Hannah Park
 Amanda Brinkley
 Madison Chrisman
 Emani Barnes
 Brianna Mcbee
 Faith LaForce
 Caroline Blythe
 Danica Sale
 Joseph Mills
 Cassidy Jacobs
 Joshua Wolf
 Jaydon Funk
 Annagail Whitaker
 Madison Martin
 TaeLyn Hales
 Emma Hoskins
 Asher Blevins
 Brittney Taylor
 Emma Blanton
 Zachary Martin
 Jasmine Crawford
 Jasmyne Ramsey
 Luther Cruz
 Nathaniel Rose
 Emmalee Smith
 Megan Lee
 Brandon Miller
 Landon Lowe
 Alexis Baker
 Donna Saylor
 Tayler Williams
 Riley Beale
 Faith Walker
 Caroline Bell
 Ellis Butler
 Mattie Carr
 Grayson Council
 Brooklynn Drake
 Aleigha Falcone
 Bella Hill
 Gabrielle Johnson
 Hayden Jones
 Kymani Mosley
 Parkerann Williams
 Josh Wilson
 Vincent Moser
 Parker Short
 Katelyn Partin
 Victor Brooks

Zion Estes
 Bean Layne
 Thomas Hensley
 Daniel Carter
 Jessie Funk
 Hayley Johnson
 Lawrence Wade Jr.
 Joseph Cornelius
 Molly Morris
 Abigail Mahaney
 Sam Sawyer
 Olivia Pope
 Mercedes E.
 Destiny Gibson

FIFTH GRADE

Laura Stankavage
 Inayah Rhone
 Charlee Pittman
 Anastasiya Diachenko
 Alyssa Litzler
 Brandon Scott
 Jeana Koogler
 David Byrum
 Brianna Falcone
 Kyle Harvey
 Zoey Lyons
 Savannah Thomas
 Logan Bryant
 Juelz Cooper
 Sydney Harrell
 Claire Randall
 Kenya Smith
 Sanya Gupta
 Rachel Strang
 Cassie Lowry
 Cami Carpenter
 Victoria Geier
 Hunter Taylor
 Nestor B
 Mathias Barnwell
 Megan Horner
 Alec Hubb
 Glorianna Yoder
 Emma Jackson

These children also entered the art contest:

Jamie Masterson
 Dezaire Taylor
 Cristiana Moyer
 Jer
 Kaitlyn Kell
 William

