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2010 Mississippi Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Art Competition Winners

Top 36 out of 445 entries on exhibit at Mississippi Museum of Natural Science through May 1

Jackson, Miss. – Taylor White, a student at Cathedral High School in Natchez, MS, is the winner of the Best of Show award in the 2010 Mississippi Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition. Ms. White's color acrylic depiction of a Pintail will be forwarded to the Federal Junior Duck Stamp office in Washington, D.C. to compete with all state winners for the national awards. Ms. White's artwork was submitted by her art teacher, Andree Gamberi.

The Junior Duck Stamp Contest has been sponsored in Mississippi for sixteen years by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, a division of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. This year, there were 445 artwork entries representing 12 different schools from throughout the state. Artwork was judged in categories of grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Ribbons are given for first, second, third places and honorable mentions. First, second and third place artwork in each category is on display at the Museum from April 1 until May 1, 2010.

First place winners:

Group I (Grades K-3): Emma Carr, Individual Art Teacher, North Carrollton; Angeline Graham, Russell Christian Academy, Meridian and Elise Robinson, Individual Art Teacher, North Carrollton

Group II (Grades 4-6): Alianne Bruce, Individual Art Teacher, Madison; Anna Sloan Feigler Individual Art Teacher, North Carrollton and Chandler Scott, Madison Ridgeland Academy

Group III (Grades 7-9): Tyler Baxter, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Mary Emily Moore, Madison Ridgeland Academy and Peyt Mosley, Lamar Middle School, Meridian

Group IV (Grades 10-12): Betsy Daggett, Cathedral High School, Natchez; Katie Elizabeth Ernst, Cathedral High School, Natchez and Taylor White, Cathedral High School, Natchez (also Best of Show).

The museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive in Jackson. Call 601.354.7303 or visit <http://msnaturalscience.org> for details about this and other programs offered by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, which is a part of the [Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks](#). The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Museum Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8 am - 5 pm; Sat. 9 am - 5 pm; Sun. 1 pm - 5 pm. **Admission:** \$5 adults; \$3 children ages 3-18; \$4 senior citizens (60+); free for children under 3 and Museum Members; school teachers with classes: call for group information.

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