

IOWATER

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IOWATER

presents the

2008 River of Words®

IOWA

Environmental
Poetry & Art Exhibit



works created by K-12 students in Iowa

August 30 – September 21, 2008
The Carnegie Library Room
of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

River of Words®

Every year, River of Words® conducts an international environmental poetry and art competition for youth aged 5 to 19 in grades K-12, in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book. This free contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express what they discover through poetry and art. Iowa entries not chosen as finalists or grand prize winners in the international contest are returned to IOWATER, where they are judged in a statewide IOWA River of Words® Environmental Poetry and Art competition.

The IOWATER Volunteer Water Monitoring Program of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources coordinates the IOWA River of Words® Environmental Poetry and Art competition. This year, over 350 students from Iowa entered the contest, either through their schools, community art centers, local libraries, or on their own. Because of the large number of quality Iowa entries, we accepted the generous offer of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art to host a juried River of Words® IOWA Environmental Poetry and Art Exhibit. Fifty-one works of poetry and art were selected to be included in this exhibit.

We hope you enjoy these efforts by Iowa's youth to explore and understand our environment, and to express their experiences through art and poetry.



For more information

about River of Words®
or to enter the 2009 competition,
please visit www.iowater.net
and click on the River of Words® logo.

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Get involved for CLEAN WATER... Volunteer Programs available through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources

IOWATER, Iowa's volunteer water quality monitoring program, provides Iowans an opportunity to monitor water resources in their own communities. Volunteers are provided with training and monitoring equipment, and can then monitor wherever and whenever they choose. The program brings people closer to the landscapes that surround them and encourages them to develop a sense of place within their own watersheds. This tie between ourselves and the water resources that give us life will lead to the understanding, respect, and protection of Iowa's water bodies long into the future. Visit www.iowater.net for more information.

Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition), is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' annual weeklong, volunteer river cleanup and watershed awareness event. Hundreds of Iowans spend anywhere from a day to an entire week paddling and hauling trash from Iowa's waterways while learning about and enjoying our water resources from the seat of a canoe. Through hands-on experience, water quality monitoring, and organized on-the-river and evening educational opportunities, volunteers not only learn about water quality, wildlife, and recycling, they experience them firsthand. Project AWARE nurtures a personal interest in Iowa's natural resources and proves that individual actions can lead to remarkable results. Visit www.iowaprojectaware.com for more information.

SPECIAL AWARDS

1.



NATIONAL FINALIST

Lupita Delgado
age 11
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Foxy

Foxy was displayed at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. in the 2008 River of Words® Exhibit and the original artwork is now in the permanent collection of River of Words® in Berkeley, CA.

2. **Three-time IOWA WINNER**

Scott Skophammer
age 16
Ft. Dodge, Iowa

2006 – *Freedom...Cool, Clean Water*
2007 – *Night Water Flight*
2008 – *Crystal Clear Water*

3. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
*Outstanding Environmental Poetry
and Art Program for Youth in the
Sioux City area*



IOWA WINNER
Grades K-3 Art

Addeline Kelley
age 7
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Fishing for Dinner

EXHIBITORS
Grades K-3

Poetry
Jade Cole
age 8
Clearfield Elementary School
Clearfield, Iowa
The Frog

Emily Eggert
age 8
Clearfield Elementary School
Clearfield, Iowa
Water

Alexis Hagen
age 8
Durant Elementary School
Durant, Iowa
Water Oh Water

Sarah Leopold
age 5
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
My Turtle

GRADES

Milagros Lopez
age 8
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Beaver Family

Art
Madeline Bertram
age 8
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Swimming Upstream

Kim Buchanan
age 8
Clearfield Elementary School
Clearfield, Iowa
The Great Waterfall

June

for the 2008 River of Words®
IOWA Environmental Poetry & Art Exhibit

POETRY

Holly Carver

Director, University of Iowa Press

As an editor and publisher at the University of Texas Press and, since 1985, at the University of Iowa Press, Holly has edited many books of poetry, including the winners of the Iowa Poetry Prize.

ART

Pat Lohmann

Iowa Coordinator, River of Words®

Pat received an MFA in painting from the University of Iowa School of Art and Art History. She is an artist and publication designer for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

To our Sponsors,

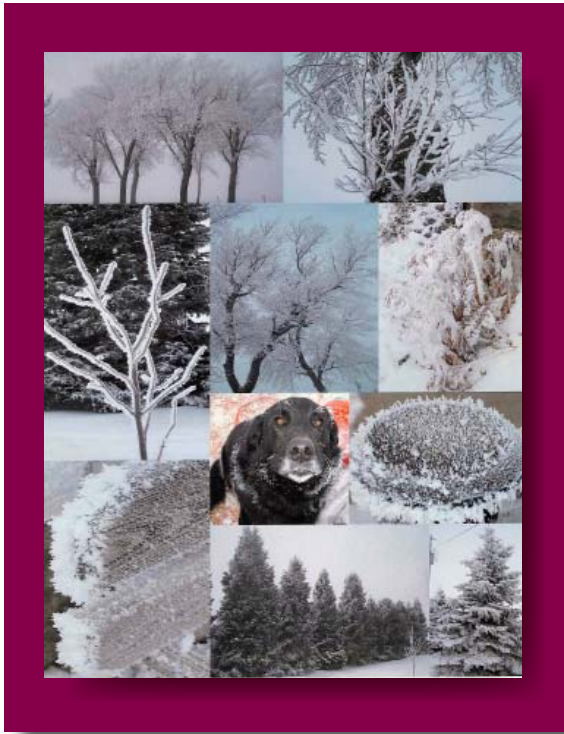
The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art (www.crma.org)

University of Iowa Press (www.uiowapress.org)

Blick Art Materials, Iowa City (www.dickblick.com)

Hy-Vee Food Store – Waterfront Drive, Iowa City

Thank you for supporting Iowa's youth,
our environment, and poetry & art.



**IOWA WINNER
Photography**

Rebecca White
age 12
Peterson, Iowa
Frosty February

PHOTO-
GRAPHY

K-3

**IOWA WINNER
Grades K-3 Poetry**

Tristan Paton
age 5½
Fairfield, Iowa
Iowa Pond

Iowa Pond

I look at nature.
Watch birds fly and frogs splash.
Days and nights, dawns and dusks.
It is always changing.
White and hard in winter.
Rocks just click and skid on ice.
Muddy and dark in summer.
Rocks will splash and ka-thump!
Tracks and sounds all winter.
Animals and insects all summer.
Our pond is nature.
It is always changing a little.
I'm glad we have it near us
all year long.

**EXHIBITORS
Photography**

Emily Bierman
age 8
Ekstrand Elementary School
De Witt, Iowa
Untitled

Kayla Leming
age 10
Ekstrand Elementary School
De Witt, Iowa
Mississippi Magic

Kayla Leming
age 10
Ekstrand Elementary School
De Witt, Iowa
Mississippi Mallards

Megan Lukas
age 9
Amana, Iowa
Millrace

Megan Lukas
age 9
Amana, Iowa
Morning Mist

Kim Buchanan
age 8
Clearfield Elementary School
Clearfield, Iowa
A Sunny Day at the Beach

Marco Delgado
age 8
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Rabbit

Sarah Glade
age 7
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Sailing at Sunset

Reis Green
age 8
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Home of the Brave

Lauren Pinchuk
age 8
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Stream thru Corn Fields



**IOWA WINNER
Grades 4-6 Art**

Lucy Besch
age 12
Manson Northwest
Webster School
Barnum, Iowa
Water is Life

My Friend, the River

My friend, the River,
Beckoning, then racing
Ahead, and tripping over
Stones, its bubbly laughter
Floating down to me, while I
Chase her, running, acting like
A fool, stumbling, falling, she
Catches me. We continue,
Playing an endless game of
Hide-and-go-seek, we run
As one person, united in a
World, talking, laughing, joking,
In a world where there are different
Ways, where twisting turning rivers are
Endless, and they never have to stop,
Never. But taking a break is such a
Wonderful thought. I lie down,
And I sleep by my friend, the River.

GRADES

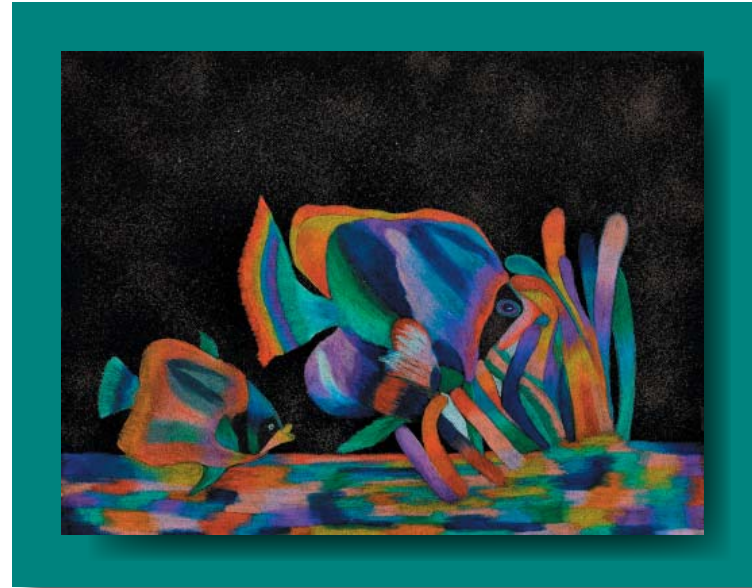
Jamaica

When I lived in Jamaica
The ocean there was wavy like my mom's hair.
And I held a seashell to my ear.

**IOWA WINNERS
Grades 4-6 Poetry**

Shuda Jarboe
age 11
Urbandale, Iowa
My Friend, the River

Darian Lisle
age 10
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Jamaica



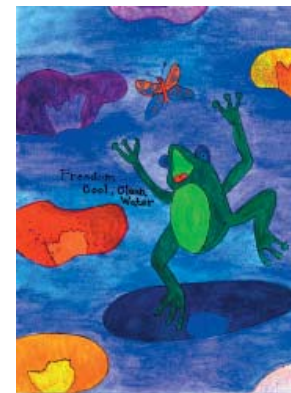
2008 – *Crystal Clear Water*

**Three-time IOWA WINNER
Grades 10-12 Art**

Scott Skophammer
age 16
Ft. Dodge, Iowa



2007 – *Night Water Flight*



2006 – *Freedom...Cool, Clean Water*

Rainy Day Lake

Soaring down from the ocean clouds a mallard wets its wings.
The skin slowly ripples as a catfish wades below.
Emerging from the pool of darkness the bullfrog sits content.
A cricket moves the bow against the string and hesitates.
Gently bowing to the silent expanse the willow waits.
A clap of thunder and a sea of water fills the lake.

IOWA WINNER Grades 10-12 Poetry

Jeralyn Westercamp
age 16
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Rainy Day Lake

EXHIBITORS Grades 10-12

Poetry
Olivia Lukes
age 15
Amana, Iowa
Storm

Scott Skophammer
age 16
Ft. Dodge, Iowa
Life Force

GRADES
10-12

EXHIBITORS Grades 4-6

Poetry
Kayla Baker
age 10
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Beauty River

McKinley BarbouRoske
age 9
Iowa City, Iowa
The River

Noelle Martin
age 10
Solon, Iowa
I'm Lucky to Live Here

Jacqueline Pose
age 9
Sacred Heart School
West Des Moines, Iowa
The Heron

Art
Megan Bradford
age 10
Cedar Falls, Iowa
The Flower Pot

Emily Freeland
age 11
Union Middle School
Dysart, Iowa
Dusk

Hannah Harms
age 12
Waverly, Iowa
The Calm through the Storm

Sydney Knight
age 10
East Elementary School
Cambridge, Iowa
The Mile Long Bridge

Steven Le
age 9
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Coyote in the Snow

Tyra Le
age 11
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Under the River

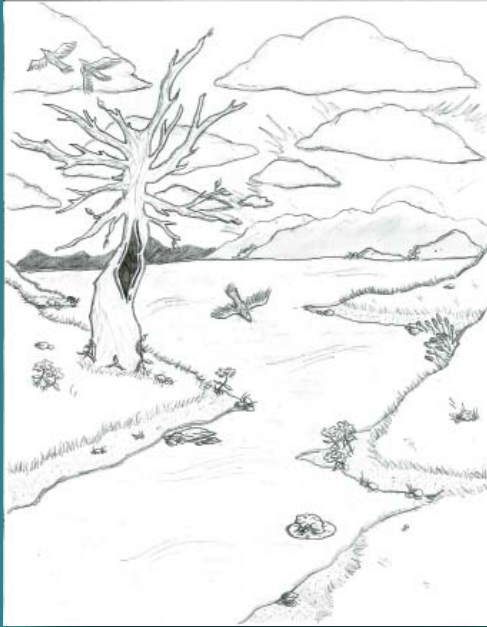
Haley McClure
age 11
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
A Dip at the Water Hole

Shannon Mulligan
age 10
Dubuque, Iowa
One Drop of Water

Callie Powell
age 9
Sioux City Art Center
Sioux City, Iowa
Woo-Woo?

Walker Roberts
age 12
Manson Northwest Webster School
Barnum, Iowa
Flipping for Water

4-6



**IOWA WINNER
Grades 7-9 Art**

Cory Sullivan
age 14
Waverly, Iowa
A Simple Beginning

**IOWA WINNER
Grades 7-9 Poetry**

Lorissa Kaye Mauch
age 13
Anthon-Oto Maple Valley
Middle School
Anthon-Oto, Iowa
Words Flow Like a River

GRADES 7-9

Art
Shawna Behrens
age 14
Hudson, Iowa
*Flowing Forever and All
Eternity*

Samantha Brus
age 15
Dubuque, Iowa
Quiet Prairie

Alecia Magner
age 14
AEA 267 Bremwood
Campus School
Waverly, Iowa
The Rain Comes Down

**EXHIBITORS
Grades 7-9**

Poetry
Olivia Queathem
age 13
Grinnell, Iowa
Iowa in a nutshell

Olivia Queathem
age 13
Grinnell, Iowa
RiverRace

Hannah Ranes
age 12
Howar Jr. High School
Centerville, Iowa
Beautiful Lakes

Shelby Royer
age 13
Howar Jr. High School
Centerville, Iowa
A Flowing Idea

Words Flow Like a River

rivers flow
words flow
they all mix in
and move smoothly
up and down and
all around
side to side and back
you write lots
of things and
let them flow
and soon enough
they make sense
and a river flows
in all directions
and soon comes
to a stop to a
certain point when it's inanimate
and then you start
over and if it doesn't
make sense you just
think it through
and go again