

10th Annual Repurposed Doodad Sculpture Competition Guidelines

Celebrating 10 Years of Doodads!

WELCOME!

Kindergarten through 12th grade students enrolled in public, charter, private, and home schools located within Hillsborough County are eligible to participate. This unique competition focuses on 3-dimensional art and challenges young people to reuse unconventional art materials in response to an environmentally conscious theme. The all-volunteer Doodad Committee, part of nonprofit Tampa Regional Artists, collaborates with local organizations and generous sponsors in order to organize this annual competition. Since 2012, 1,030 sculptures have been created by over 3,200 students with almost \$35,375 awarded.

This year, the competition will have both online and in-person elements. All sculptures that are entered in the competition using the online link before the deadline will be included in the virtual Doodad exhibition and eligible for People’s Choice balloting. Because of available exhibition space, jurors will select a limited number of sculptures to displayed at the in-person exhibit during the 2024 Florida State Fair.

DOODAD: Award Ribbons & Household Plastic Containers
THEME: Florida Native Flora and Fauna

On August 4 at Blake High School, old Florida State Fair award ribbons will be distributed during Hillsborough County Public School’s art teacher in-service training day. After this date, use the Contact Us page on the Doodad website to request ribbons.

GUIDELINES

<http://doodadoftampa.org/>

ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
One or more award ribbons (to be provided) and one or more empty household plastic containers (i.e., milk, laundry, soap, butter, etc.) must be used.	No provided award ribbon and/or household plastic container was used to create the sculpture.
Some part of an award ribbon and household plastic container must remain visible, and sculpture must be sturdy and stable.	No part of award ribbon and/or household plastic container remains visible, and/or the sculpture falls apart or repeatedly falls over.
Other materials may be used, but MOST of sculpture must be constructed with award ribbon(s) (to be provided) and empty household plastic container(s).	Only a small part of sculpture is created with award ribbon(s) (to be provided) and/or empty household plastic container(s).
The sculpture must be freestanding or be able to be hung from the ceiling. Footprint of freestanding sculptures must be no more than 30” deep by 36” wide by 36” tall. Freestanding sculptures may be placed on a table or the floor. Freestanding sculptures must be no more than 50 lbs. Hanging sculptures must have an armature that can connect to framing wire to be hung from the ceiling and must be no more than 25 lbs.	Sculptures that fail to meet accepted size and weight guidelines, and/or if designed to hang, provides no suitable armature devise from which to connect framing wire to suspend from ceiling.
Individual or group work may be submitted, and MAJORITY of design and construction must be completed by student(s).	Majority of design and construction of sculpture completed by teacher or other adult(s).
Sculpture must relate to the theme and respects the adopted Copyright & Plagiarism guidelines*.	Sculpture NOT relate to theme and/or disrespects adopted Copyright & Plagiarism guidelines*.
Artist statement must answer 1) How does your sculpture represent your research about the theme? and/or 2) How has your thinking changed about the connection between creating with unconventional art materials and the environment?	Artist statement doesn’t address either question, and/or only explains the process and procedures used to create the sculpture.
Entries and video artist statements must be uploaded using Doodad’s online competition platform.	Online entry form was NOT completed for a submitted sculpture.

There is no limit to the number of sculptures individual students or groups of students may enter.

Sculptures that meet accepted guidelines are eligible to be judged for monetary awards and exhibited.

***The Doodad Competition has adopted the Copyright and Plagiarism guidelines from the Scholastic & Writing Awards.**

TIMELINE

August 4, 2023	Competition opens and old State Fair ribbons available for distribution.
December 15, 2023	Deadline to upload sculpture images, entry information, and video artist statements using the link posted on the Doodad website. Doodadoftampa.org
December 18, 2023	Online jurying begins.
January 12, 2024	Online exhibition opens on Doodad website. Doodadoftampa.org Announcement of juror-selected sculptures to be exhibited at the Florida State Fair.
February 2, 2024	Deliver juror-selected sculptures to Florida State Fair.
February 7, 2024	Awards reception. Details announced at later date.
February 8-19, 2024	Juror-selected sculptures exhibited at Florida State Fair.
February 20-23, 2024	Pick up exhibited sculptures from the Florida State Fair.

THEME, JUDGING & AWARDS

Theme— *Florida Native Flora and Fauna*

Juror Awards—a panel of judges select sculptures for monetary awards in each grade category based on originality, unique use of the repurposed Doodad material, and adherence to theme and guidelines.

Elem (grades K-2)	Elem (grades 3-5)	Middle School (grades 6-8)	High School (grades 9-12)	ESE – middle and high
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People's Choice Awards—the public votes online for their favorite sculptures. Sculptures that receive the most overall votes receive monetary awards.



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Visit the Doodad website to see images from all past competitions and to find the online contest platform link which opens August 4. <http://doodadoftampa.org/>

START YOUR RESEARCH

The Doodad website can give you many ideas to start your research. You might also want to visit some of the following sites from the Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, the Florida Wildlife Corridor and Path of the Panther. There are many other great resources.

<https://pathofthepanther.com>

<https://floridawildlifecorridor.org>

<https://www.archbold-station.org/education/>

<https://regeneration.org/index.php/nexus/wildlife-corridors>

<https://wildpath.com>

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/>

<https://livewildly.com/explore-live-wildly/>

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/florida/>

<https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/activities/audubon-for-kids>

<https://tampabaybutterflyfoundation.org>