

Central Florida Earth Day 2016

SmART Competition (Science Meets Art) Information Sheet

SmART is an art or craft made from re-using or re-purposing items originally used for something else. Up-cycling is taking used objects and creating something better. Students, show us how SmART you are!

SmART will be judged using the following criteria. There will be four prizes awarded in each age group, plus three Best Of Show prizes.

Three Age Groups: grades 3 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 - 12.

Judging Criteria:

Use of pre-used objects, creativity, aesthetics, functionality, environmental impact/benefits.

Awards for each age group:

Awesome Artisan (most useable/functional piece)

Mad Scientist (most transformative use of objects)

Amazing Artist (most artistic piece)

Guardian of the Planet (most environmentally friendly)

Best of Show:

First, second, and third place prizes for highest scores overall

Grand Prize:

The first place best of show submission will win an Organic Community Garden for their school, provided by the Simple Living Institute (includes consultation with a master gardener, supplies, and volunteers to help students build a garden (or improve an existing garden) suited to their school.

Other prizes to be determined.

Winners' work will be displayed at the Orlando Public Library, downtown Orlando.

Submission Criteria:

The submitted work must predominantly be made of pre-used items. We are looking for work that takes something used and makes it better! SmART should not contain items that are harmful to the

environment, including animal products (no feathers, bones, nests, leather etc.) See

www.CFEarthDay.org/Why-Vegan

Research is part of this project! Please put thought into what you make.

Hanging wall art and free-standing 3D pieces will be accepted.

Functional art/craft is encouraged (bonus points for making something useful)!

Every submission should include a brief description of your work (on the bottom of the Permission Form), how it is good for the environment, and the thought process behind your creation.

3D projects must be submitted inside a box with closable lid in order to protect it during transport. For example, a shoe box, or a 10"x12"x15" banker's box. If your project is over-sized, please email Deb@CFEarthDay for approval prior to submitting your registration.

Wall art must be no bigger than 24" x 24", should be mounted on a sturdy background and include picture wire attached to the back for hanging at the festival. If your project contains items that may become loose during transport, it must be submitted within a protective box.

Please write your name, grade, school, and phone number on the box.

*Central Florida Earth Day, its affiliates and volunteers will not be held liable for damage to your work. We will not accept projects that are not in a protective box.

Deadlines:

April 15- Online registration deadline for intent to submit work.

April 21/22- Projects delivered to SmART Central. After you submit your online registration you will be given times and location to drop off your work. Teachers may drop off for their students.

April 23- Central Florida Earth Day festival! Art will be displayed outdoors at SmART Central at Lake Eola Park. Winners will be announced onstage that afternoon. We will ask the winners to talk about their SmART.

*Please try to make your work wind-proof. It will be displayed outside. We will have a trailer and vehicles there to bring in the SmART in case of rain.

SmART should be picked up after the awards ceremony.

We will keep the winning work to display at the Orlando Public Library.

**In the event that we receive too many submissions to display at the festival, we will pre-judge the submissions to narrow the field of prize contenders. Photographs of the art that will not fit in our display area will be displayed at the festival. Art that is not physically displayed will be available to pick up from the SmART Central trailer on the day of the festival.

SmART Checklist:

Please check off these items before submitting SmART.

- Pre-register your SmART at www.CFEarthDay.org/SmART by April 15
- Is your hanging SmART no bigger than 24"x24"?
- Is your hanging SmART mounted on a non-flexible surface?
- Does your hanging SmART have picture wire attached to the back?
- If your hanging SmART has pieces that might fall off, is it in a protective box?
- Does your 3D SmART fit in a 10"x12"x15" banker's box with lid?
- If not, contact Deb@CFEarthDay before filling out registration.
- Does your box have your name, grade, school, and phone number on it?
- Did you include a brief written description of your SmART (bottom of Permission Form)?
- Did you include the SmART Permission Form signed by your parent?

Have fun with your project! We are looking forward to seeing all of the great SmART!