This year, 795 pieces of art were submitted from Humboldt County students in grades K through 12. Some 39 cash prizes totaling $615, plus 28 honorable mentions, were awarded at the 23rd annual Godwit Days Festival in mid-April.

— Sue Leskiw, Contest Organizer

Kindergarten
First Place: Story Mintey, Freshwater Elementary, Spotted Owl
Second Place: Amie Sadana Rodriguez, Dow’s Prairie School, Wood Duck
Second Place: Carissa Gonzalez, Dow’s Prairie School, Marbled Godwit
Third Place: Kylie Gayner, Dow’s Prairie School, Belted Kingfisher
Third Place: Mason Boone, Dow’s Prairie School, Wood Duck

Grade 1
First Place: Bony McKnight, Coastal Grove Charter, Northern Flicker
First Place: Everett Gruetzmacher, Dow’s Prairie School, American Goldfinch
Second Place: Zoey McBroome, Dow’s Prairie School, Steller’s Jay
Second Place: Amaya Teraoka, Dow’s Prairie School, Wood Duck
Third Place: Leslie McLaughlin, Orleans Elementary, Pileated Woodpecker

Prize winners in Kindergarten & Grade 1. Photo by Jay Seeger.
(Top to bottom) Story Mintey; Amie Sadana Rodriguez; Carissa Gonzalez.

(Top to bottom) Kylie Gayner; Mason Boone; Bony McKnight.
(Top to bottom) Everett Gruetzmacher; Zoey McBroome; Amaya Teraoka.
Grade 2
First Place: Jade Frimodig, Fuente Nueva Charter, American Robin
First Place: Grayson Finen, Mistwood Educational Center, White-tailed Kite
First Place: Aubrey Lloyd, Cuddeback School, Western Meadowlark
Second Place: Natalie Williams, Mattole Valley Charter, American Avocet
Second Place: Myah Visser, Dow’s Prairie School, Osprey
Second Place: Emma Hovie, Fuente Nueva Charter, Wood Duck
Third Place: Sebastian Amaro, Fuente Nueva Charter, Snowy Plover
Third Place: Maliah Cheng, Pacific View Charter, Spotted Owl
Third Place: Penelope Love, Pacific Union School, Mallard

Grades 3&4
First Place: Malia Andersen, Union Street Charter, Snowy Plover
First Place: Mason Jia Yang Li, Washington Elementary School, Peregrine Falcon
Second Place: Allison Wibbenhorst, Pacific View Charter, Marbled Godwit
Second Place: Rowan Magnusen, Six Rivers Montessori, Black-crowned Night-Heron
Third Place: Nora Brumbaugh, Union Street Charter, Pileated Woodpecker
Third Place: Hazzard Guthrie, Fuente Nueva Charter, Snowy Plover
(Top to bottom) Jade Frimodig; Grayson Finen; Aubrey Lloyd.

(Top to bottom) Natalie Williams; Myah Visser; Emma Hovie; Sebastian Amaro.
Penelope Love.

Maliah Cheng.

Prize winners in Grades 5 through 12. Photo by Jay Seeger.

**Grade 5**
First Place: Saanvi Virnave, Fuente Nueva Charter, Steller’s Jay
Second Place: Zinnia Clifford, Pacific View Charter, Great Blue Heron
Third Place: Ayla Weiss, Six Rivers Montessori, Red-breasted Nuthatch

**Grade 6**
First Place: Meguire Bartosz, Alder Grove Charter, Bufflehead
Second Place: Reny Sharp, Pacific View Charter, Anna’s Hummingbird
Third Place: Aurora Amaral, Mattole Valley Charter, American Kestrel

**Grades 7-12**
First Place: Amaya Bechler, Northcoast Preparatory Academy, White-throated Sparrow
Second Place: Karlene Vang, Eureka High, Great Blue Heron
Third Place: Rebecca Nguyen, Eureka High, American Robin
(Top to bottom) Saanvi Virnave; Zinnia Clifford; Ayla Weiss.

(Top to bottton) Meguire Bartosz; Reny Sharp; Aurora Amaral.
Best Bird in Habitat Awards
Maxwell Collins, Grade 2, Garfield School, Marbled Murrelet; Araya Bennett, Grade 2, Scotia School, Mallard; Annika Bucklin, Grade 4, Union Street Charter, Spotted Owl; Bodhi Jennings, Grade 6, Six Rivers Montessori, Northern Flicker; Mathias Keely, Grade 6, Mattole Valley Charter, Pileated Woodpecker.
(Left column) Maxwell Collins; Araya Bennett; Annika Bucklin. (Left column) Bodhi Jennings; Mathias Keely.
Honorable Mentions

Kindergarten: Kaleo Major, Arcata Elementary, Pileated Woodpecker; Hunter Aiton, Dow’s Prairie School, Wood Duck; Phoebe Rogers, Jacoby Creek School, Black Phoebe; Jacob Bucciarelli, Dow’s Prairie School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Natalie Helms, Dow’s Prairie School, Marbled Godwit; Alexis Waxler, Dow’s Prairie School, Belted Kingfisher. Grade 1: Hudson Caldwell, Ridgewood School, American Goldfinch; Michael Mackay, Redwood Coast Montessori, Peregrine Falcon; Meena Hardell Moreno, Redwood Coast Montessori, Snowy Plover. Grade 2: Kyla Benzinger, Garfield School, California Quail; Jordan Thuesen, Dow’s Prairie School, Spotted Towhee. Grades 3&4: October Mintey, Freshwater Elementary, White-tailed Kite; Shaylee Daggett, Scotia School, Wood Duck; Carlo Campagna, Redwood Coast Montessori, Osprey; Jocilyn O’Donnell, Mistwood Educational Center, Western Grebe; Lily Bazemore, Cutten Elementary, Blue Jay. Grade 5: Maile Russell, Union Street Charter, American Crow; Wynne Pevec, Fuente Nueva Charter, Steller’s Jay; Solana Mendle-Nickle, Fuente Nueva Charter, Western Meadowlark; Lilly Church, Mattole Valley Charter, Black-capped Chickadee; Harvey Beard, Mattole Valley Charter, Great-horned Owl. Grade 6: Natalie Marie Parker, Cutten Elementary, Anna’s Hummingbird; Jackson Burger, Cutten Elementary, Blue Jay; Sarah Domingo-Franklin, Green Point School, Western Tanager; Nikolas Robinson, Mattole Valley Charter, Barn Swallow. Grades 7-12: Maizie Fugate, Mattole Valley Charter, Mourning Dove; Rogue Russell, Sunny Brae Middle School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Adam Treegan, Zoe Barnum High, Red-breasted Nuthatch.