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Subject: Message #208: Olmsted 200 Student Art Contest

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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education,
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The Little Rock Garden Club is a non-profit organization engaged in civic improvement through a variety of community projects including this student art contest. The theme of the Olmsted 200 Student Art Contest acknowledges the 200th birthday of Frederick Olmsted, father of American Landscape Architecture. Olmsted and his successor firms designed thousands of landscape projects across the country, transforming American life and culture. He was the creator of magnificent public spaces as Central Park in New York City, the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., and the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina. His vision for public parks for all people – and their ability to strength communities and promote pubic wellbeing – are now more important than ever.

The Little Rock Garden Club Olmsted 200 Student Art Contest helps to ensure that the legacy of Olmsted lives on by providing the inspiration for students to be educated about Olmsted and his magnificent contributions to history. The Olmsted theme of the contest serves as an inspiration for Middle and High School students to utilize their artistic abilities to include anything related to his life and work. It can include parks, natural landscapes, or any interpretation of the Olmsted theme. Creativity is encouraged.

Guidelines:

- Arkansas Middle and High School students are eligible to enter
- Entries may be drawings or paintings
- Creativity is recommended
- Medium can be oil, acrylic, charcoal, pastel, watercolor, graphite, ink, and mixed media on canvas, wood, paper, or poster board no larger than 24" x 32"
- One entry per student accepted
- Artwork must be student's original work
- All submissions must be titled with a brief explanation of the artist's intent

Judging:

- Artwork submitted online will be judged on creativity, skill, and interpretation of the theme
- A panel of Little Rock Garden Club members will select one winner for a cash award of \$200. The winner will be announced on April 26, 2022 (Olmsted's birthday), and the prize award will be mailed to the student.
- The Little Rock Garden Club reserves the right to reproduce the submitted artwork for the celebration of Olmsted 200 via publications and the websites of the Little Rock Garden Club, the Garden Club of America, and Olmsted 200.

Registration and Submission:

Please use the following link to register and upload a digital version of your artwork:

<https://form.jotform.com/220475224075148>

On the form, you will enter:

- Your name, school, grade, email and phone number
- Title for your work, a description of the medium used, and a brief artist statement describing your art piece
- You must also agree that your artwork submission may appear in publications and websites of the Little Rock Garden Club, the Garden Club of America, and the Olmsted 200 Celebration Committee

Questions:

With questions or for additional information, please email Cindy Simpson at pppandme@aol.com