

Barnegat Bay Partnership Art Awards

Protect Our Bay – Protect Our Future Art Contest at the 2016 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival

About the Contest

The Barnegat Bay is a special place and a favorite destination for both locals and visitors. Head down to the bay and chances are you will see someone enjoying activities like sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding, fishing, crabbing, and clamming. The Barnegat Bay is an estuary – a mix of salt water from the Atlantic Ocean and fresh water from the rivers and groundwater draining into it. The entire land area draining water into the bay is called its watershed, and almost all of Ocean County lies within it. A healthy bay ecosystem depends on sustainable practices both on land and in the bay. A healthy bay and watershed are not only important ecologically but also economically, contributing over $4 billion each year to New Jersey's economy.

The Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) and the National Estuary Program for the Barnegat Bay, offered awards at the 2016 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival for works of art which most creatively convey the importance of sustainability for the bay.

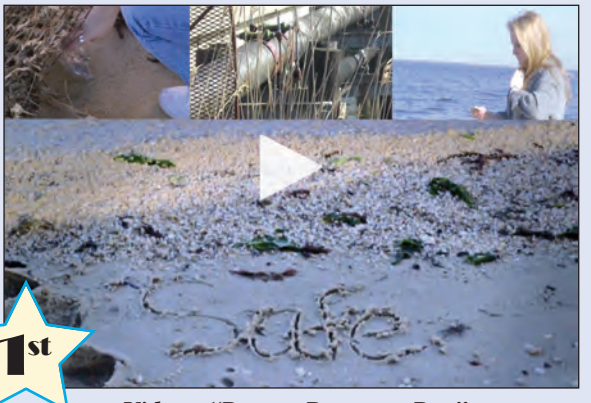
The entries were submitted to the Protect Our Bay – Protect Our Future Art Contest. First Place was awarded $700; Second Place was awarded $200; and Third Place was awarded $100. (John F. Peto Museum generously donated a free private tour for up to six people as the Honorable Mention prize.)

First Place - Samantha Chandler (Lacey Twp. High School);
Video *"Protect Barnegat Bay"*

Second Place - Whitney Dyer (Jackson Liberty High School);
Poster *"Protect Our Future - Or Watch It Drown"*

Third Place - Alexandra Acerra (P. Pleasant Borough High School);
Digital Photograph *"Cleaning Cattus Island"*

Hon. Mention - Alexandra James (Pt. Pleasant Borough High School);
Watercolor *"Got Crabs"*



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