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Dear Teachers, Parents, and Librarians:

Thank you for enriching your students' learning experience in your classroom, home school, and libraries over the years by using stamps. Enclosed please find all the information necessary for your students to enter our annual **Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest**. This contest is open to Tucson and surrounding area students only and is divided into three age groups. Many of you have sent us class entries in the past, and we hope you continue to do so again this year. Every year we have received an increased amount of publicity for our young artists. The picture on the right is the Grand Winner design from 2017 drawn by Tanvi Narendran. Grand winners have been selected from all age groups over the years. At left is the article in the Arizona Star this past August.

Student wins Tucson stamp design contest

By Caitlin Schmitt
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

A 13-year-old St. Michael's student has been awarded first place in the 10th annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest, and her design will be featured on official U.S. Postal Service stamps.

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild on Friday presented grand prize winner Tanvi Narendran with an official city coin typically reserved for diplomats during the unveiling at the Postal History Foundation, according to a news release from the foundation.

Narendran used colored pencils to draw her picture of a green saguaro, with Mission San Xavier del Bac in the background.

Narendran said the mission was a great representation of Tucson and that adding something in the foreground would add depth to her picture, she release said.

This isn't the first time

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Tanvi Narendran was awarded first place in the 10th Annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest Friday.

Narendran has been honored by the foundation.

Each year, two designs from students in each of three age groups are selected to be printed as collectible artwork on envelopes used in the mail.

Narendran was a runner-up in the contests in 2013 and 2015 with her previous stamp designs, according to Arizona Daily Star archives.

This year's runners-up were Tanque Verde Elementary students Addison Sharpe and Emory Vichick; home-schooled students Lee MacDonald and Marcus Rose; Salpointe High School student Nataly Isala; and Leman Academy of Excellence student Colin Lee.

The birthday stamp can be bought or ordered from the Postal History Foundation, with the proceeds benefiting the foundation's Youth Education Thru Stamps program. Stamps are \$1.50 each. Collectible envelopes are 50 cents each.

The foundation is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders can be placed over the phone by calling 623-6652, Extension 102, or by emailing education@phftucson.org. Order forms are available online at www.postal-historyfoundation.org.

Contact reporter Caitlin Schmitt at cschmitt@arizona.com or 520-4495. Twitter: @caitlinschmitt



This contest is a great activity for the spring semester and summer, and it gives the kids and you a chance to talk about Tucson and its history. We do have a Tucson Timeline worksheet that is appropriate for the upper elementary, middle, or high school students. If you are interested in using it, just email me and I'll get a copy and the stamp sets to you for your students.

Enclosed find the forms for the Tucson Birthday Stamp Contest. The first sheet is a flyer for posting at schools, libraries, and community centers, etc. The next three pages are the rules, entry form and stamp outline. Use them to make copies for your students. Most teachers send the contest entries to us in one envelope by the end of the school year. Because of the publicity surrounding our contest, the parents need to sign the entry form. Make sure the student's name is written gently with pencil on the **back** of their art work in case the entry form and art get separated. **Read all of the rules. Do not allow the students to sign their names or write any words on the design.** REMEMBER—This contest is about TUCSON. The grand winning design will be made into custom postage. We give several prizes to the top winners. Only the top five winners in each age category are invited to the awards ceremony. **The deadline to turn in entries is Friday, July 20, 2018 at 2:30 pm.**

Please feel free to forward this information to fellow teachers, art teachers, and parents. Please post the flyer at your school, library, or museum. Thank you!

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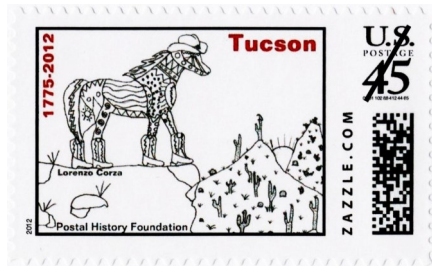
2018

Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest



2017

Grand Winner



2012 Grand Winner

Enter Today!



KIDS ONLY

Grand winners are
made into custom US
postage!

Create your Masterpiece !

Top winners in each age group receive great prizes.

Download forms at:

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M-F 8 am—3 pm

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY,
JULY 20, 2018 AT 2:30**

Annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest for Kids 2018



Have fun celebrating Tucson's birthday by designing a postage stamp! Tucson was incorporated on August 20, 1775, and this year we are celebrating the 243th birthday! There are three youth age categories open to local Tucson students. Winning designs will be featured on the Postal History Foundation web site and by local media. The grand winning design will be used to print stamps that are legal for postage! Some of the winning designs will be chosen as cachets to be printed on envelopes to commemorate Tucson's birthday. All 1st – 5th place winners of each age category will be given several prizes along with ribbons and certificates. The custom stamps and cachets will be available for sale the day of the party and afterwards as a fundraiser for the **YES** program.

Directions and Rules:

1. Tucson and surrounding area students may download the **stamp outline** and **entry form** from our website. Print the **stamp outline** on **white paper** or drop by the PHF for forms. Use the whole sheet of paper (8½ by 11) with the **stamp outline** on it.
2. **All designs submitted must reflect some aspect of Tucson's history, environment, culture and/or citizenry. This contest is NOT about Arizona's Birthday.**
3. **Do not write words, numbers, or your name on your design. If your design includes a drawing of a specific place that happens to have letters, that is ok. Examples: "A" Mountain, Fox Theatre, USAF on an air force jet. If you have any questions about this call us.**
4. **Write your name and age lightly along the edge of the back of the paper.** You may draw your picture vertical or horizontal.
5. No artwork may be submitted that is already owned and copyrighted by another individual or company. Artwork must be done by the entrant on the paper submitted with the correct stamp outline that fills the letter size paper. Photographs and computer generated pictures are not allowed. Artwork that is inappropriate or unsuitable for publication will be deemed ineligible for the contest.
6. All entries become the property of the Postal History Foundation. Winners must consent to the PHF using their names and artwork in its publicity, website and exhibits. Entrants and their families will not receive compensation for the use of designs submitted, or photographs of the artist. By submitting an entry to this contest, the entrant is agreeing to transfer any copyrights of his/her artwork to the PHF for exclusive use for marketing, education, and publicity materials.
7. **Designs and entry forms must be received by 2:30 p.m. at the Postal History Foundation on Friday, July 20, 2018.**
One entry per person. Past Grand Winners please do not enter the contest again until you change age groups.
Address: 920 N. First Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719 Phone # - 520-623-6652 Hours: M-F 8am -3pm
8. All entries will be judged according to age category. 1st—5th place winners will be given ribbons and an assortment of prizes. Winners agree to accept prizes "as is". Any prizes unclaimed or deemed undeliverable may be forfeited or awarded to an alternate winner.
9. A special "Tucson Birthday Party" awards ceremony will be held on Friday, August 17, 2018, from 10-11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. Awards and the unveiling of the winning stamp designs will happen at that time. The award winners will be excused from classes to participate in the awards party. Official excuse letters will be provided for those who attend. Local media will be in attendance.
10. The winning designs will be displayed and exhibited at the PHF from August 20, 2018, through August of the following year. A year later the winning designs will be mailed back to the family.
11. Winners will be selected by a local panel of individuals with experience in history, art/graphic design, public relations, and stamp collecting. Winners will be notified by letter and phone call between August 1-11, 2018.
12. **Winners are expected to attend the birthday event on Friday, August 17, 2018, to claim their prizes.** The party is designed to give full attention to the young artists. **Siblings** who attend will also be allowed to choose from a variety of special stamps, pins, books, and covers to take home.
13. The Postal History Foundation reserves the right to change the rules or cancel the contest at any time at its sole discretion.
14. **Limitation of Liability** – Participants hold harmless the Postal History Foundation and its representatives, officers, directors and employees from any injuries, losses, damages, claims, actions or any liability of any kind resulting from participation in this contest.



2018 Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest Entry Form

Tucson and surrounding area students only please.
One entry per person. Previous Grand Winners are not allowed to enter again until they have moved up to the next age group.

****PLEASE PRINT****

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address(Street): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher Name _____

Age Group: Check the appropriate age group you belong in as of July 20, 2018

Youth 5—8

Youth 9—12

Youth 13—17

Deadline for entries: 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read the contest rules and regulations prior to signing this and I understand the rules. I agree to the use of my child's design entry and the photograph of my child for publicity, publication, exhibit use, and/ or educational activity. I agree to follow all the directions and rules of the contest.

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name:(Print) _____

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signatures are required for entry.

Mail or drop off the entry form and design to:

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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 520-623-6652

