

Breaking News



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All pictures courtesy of Postal History Foundation.

WHAT: The Grand Prize Winner of the 11th Annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest was unveiled today.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Serena Hsu, top right, age 14, is a 9th grader who attends Catalina Foothills High School.

SPECIAL GUEST: Graphic designer Don Regole of Regole Designs talked to the students about the importance of art and encouraged them to continue to be creative. Mr.

Regole designed the special postmark used to commemorate Tucson's birthday today shown at right.



The stamps are legal custom USPS stamps and can be used for mailing letters. Stamps and collectible envelopes can be purchased or ordered from the **Postal History Foundation** here in Tucson, proceeds to benefit the Youth Education thru Stamps (YES) program.

DESCRIPTION OF GRAND WINNER:

Ms. Hsu created a picture inspired by her visit to Barrio Viejo in Tucson. Ms. Hsu did some research after seeing the neighborhood and decided to draw a beautiful front door with cacti and chilies. "I like the vibrant colors they have in Barrio Viejo," explained Ms. Hsu. She used colored pencils to create her picture.

The top five winners from three age groups were given awards and prizes today at the ceremony. Every student was given a Bookmans gift certificate (donated by Bookmans), collectable stamps, and other prizes. Postner's Art Store donated three books to give to the first place winners in each age group.

OTHER WINNERS: In addition, two designs from each age group were selected and printed as collectible art work on envelopes used to commemorate the event. Cachet winners are as follows per age group. Age 5-8: Roshan Gupta from Basis Oro Valley and Lincoln Manuel from Tanque Verde Elementary. Age 9-12: Nola Gelling of Khalsa Montessori and Marc Perez of Valencia Middle School. Age 13-17: Katherine Douglas from Cienega High School and Kaelyn Hestand from Marana Middle School.

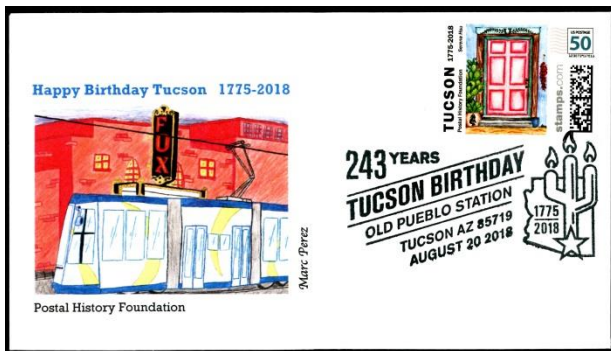
SALES OF STAMPS AND COLLECTIBLE ENVELOPES BENEFIT THE YOUTH PROGRAM at the PHF: The cost is \$1.50 per stamp, the proceeds to benefit the Youth Education Thru Stamps (YES) program at the Postal History Foundation which supports teachers and students locally and across the country with lessons and stamps for classroom use. Collectible envelopes can be purchased for .50¢ per envelope. A set with envelope, stamp, and postmark sells for \$2.

To buy stamps and cachets drop by the Postal History Foundation. Hours M-F 8am – 3pm or contact Lisa Dembowski, Education Director, at 520-623-6652 x 102 to order over the phone or email her at education@phftucson.org . Order forms are on line at www.postalhistoryfoundation.org

The top fifteen winners will be on exhibit at the Postal History Foundation until the 2019 Awards ceremony next year

Example of a cacheted envelope with the stamp and postmark below.

Grand winning stamp by Serena Hsu top right corner and cachet art at bottom left by student Marc Perez.
Postmark by Don Regole



Serena Hsu's drawing.