

**The Garibaldi-Meucci Holiday High School Art Contest**

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Antonio Meucci is best known for his invention of the telephone. However, before his groundbreaking invention he was a student at the Florence Academy of Fine Arts. General Giuseppe Garibaldi is known as one of the key players in the unification of Italy. The friendship between Meucci and Garibaldi may have begun by happenstance but what a friendship it was.

The upcoming winter holidays and winter season often re-ignites a connection with family and friends. It is a time to slow down a bit and make a point of connecting with those nearest and dearest to us. In honor of the Garibaldi and Meucci friendship, Meucci’s years as an artist, and the upcoming winter season, the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Garibaldi-Meucci Holiday High School Art Contest.

**This year’s theme is *“Seasons of Joy”*. We invite student artists to create an original artwork that celebrates a holiday that occurs during the year. This theme allows for a wide range of interpretations from spring festivals to winter celebrations, highlighting the theme of a season and the joy and diversity of global traditions.**

**All artworks will be part of a special exhibit at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum that will run from**

**December 7 to mid-January. The opening of this special exhibit will take place during our annual tree lighting on Saturday, December 7, 2024. All artists are invited to attend and view our holiday exhibit!**

The Garibaldi-Meucci Holiday High School Art Contest is open to all New York State students in grades 9-12 who attend either public or private school or are homeschooled. The contest invites students to show their interpretation of a particular holiday.

**Prizes will be awarded to individuals with the best design.**

One 1st prize winner will receive a $100 Visa gift card

One 2nd prize winner will receive a $75 Visa gift card

One 3rd prize winner will receive a $50 Visa gift card

The judges will be looking for:

* creativity and originality
* quality of artwork
* interpretation of the subject matter/theme

***\*\*PLEASE NOTE:* All entries must be received by Tuesday, November 26, 2024\*\***

**Art Contest Rules:**

1. All NYS students in ***grades 9 – 12*** who are currently enrolled in public or private school either

in-person or remote and homeschooled students are eligible to participate.

1. Only one piece of artwork per student may be submitted.
2. Artwork must be completed by one student only. Group participation for one piece of artwork is not permitted.
3. **Artwork must incorporate the contest’s theme – “Seasons of Joy”, celebrate a holiday that occurs during the year.**
4. Artwork size must be a minimum of 4”x4” and a maximum of 16”x20”.
5. Artwork may be submitted framed or unframed.
6. Artwork must be original content created by the contest participant.
7. Artwork may consist of one or multiple mediums -- photography, graphic design, watercolor, oil paint, acrylic paint, charcoal, textiles, pencil, pen and ink.
8. Artwork can be still life, portrait, abstract, landscape, etc.
9. Artwork may be multi-dimensional but must be flat on one side for hanging.
10. Art design must not contain any profanity.
11. Each entry must be labeled with student’s name, home address, email address, telephone number, grade level and school name.
12. Winners will be notified by telephone and email address provided upon entry no later than Wednesday, December 4, 2024.
13. By submitting artwork, the student agrees to have their art exhibited at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.
14. Be creative!
15. ***All entries must be mailed or dropped off to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum by Tuesday, November 26, 2024.***

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