



**Massachusetts Marine Educators**



# Marine Art



2011 THEME

**Amazing  
Ocean  
Creatures**  
of Stellwagen Bank  
National Marine  
Sanctuary

**GRADES K - 12  
DEADLINE: APRIL 28, 2011**





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## Marine Art Contest 2011



### ATTENTION:

**Art and Graphic Arts Teachers  
Marine Science & Biology Teachers  
Elementary Classroom Teachers  
After-School Leaders  
Home School Instructors  
Students**

**ART CREDITS:** Page 1: Shannon W., Southbrook Academy, grade 1, Harbor seal; Shannon DeLancey, Plymouth South HS, grade 11, North Atlantic right whale; Supriya G., Sharon MS, grade 8, White-sided dolphin; Hailey Creed, Plymouth South HS, grade 12, Lobster; Page 2: Kolbe C., homeschool, grade 4, Mako shark; Marissa Arponen, Plymouth South HS, grade 12, Blue shark; Ariel F., Swampscott MS, grade 7, Squid; Alison Donovan, Harwich HS, grade 9, Cod; Page 3: Bri Meehan, Harwich HS, grade 9, Puffins; Ben T., Southbrook Academy, grade 1, Horseshoe crab; Allie Barbeau, Plymouth South HS, grade 10, Herring; Lucas Cantwell, Plymouth South HS, grade 11, Octopus; Page 4: Emma K., homeschool, grade 7, Flounders; Jamie C., Southbrook Academy, grade 3, Shark.

### THEME: Amazing Ocean Creatures of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a marine protected area located between Cape Ann and Cape Cod at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay, is an ocean wilderness near an urban world filled with amazing marine life. A diversity of sea creatures reside in the sanctuary and the greater Gulf of Maine, ranging from tiny one-celled diatoms to enormous humpback whales. Students are encouraged to create artistic interpretations of these local species.

**Please make sure that the animals illustrated are truly Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary species. Artwork representing species that cannot be found in the sanctuary will be disqualified.**



Massachusetts Marine Educators (MME) is a grass roots organization of teachers, informal educators, students, educational institutions, and others dedicated to the goals of developing a marine literate society and promoting awareness of the ocean world by integrating marine studies into existing curricula. For more information, visit the MME Web site at: <http://www.massmarineeducators.org>





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## General Information

There are FIVE divisions in the contest — grades K-4, grades 5-8, grades 9-12, an open scientific illustration division (K-12), and an open computer graphics division (K-12) with a winner, second and third place selected from each division. Winning entries will be posted on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary website <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> used by the sanctuary and MME in their outreach programs. Notification and certificates will be sent to the participating teachers or individual students at their schools. Entry deadline is April 28, 2011.

## Basic Requirements

- The entries should be between 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 24".
- Use white (recommended), non glossy paper; do not laminate.
- Teachers may send in as many entries as they like, but selective screening would be appreciated.
- Label each entry on the back with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address and telephone number.

## Grades K-4

Students are to create a poster/artwork that relates to this year's theme. Students should include on the back of the poster the name of the animal in the image.

## Grades 5-8 and 9-12

Students are to create posters/artworks that meet this year's theme. The student must include on the back of the image (or attach a separate sheet of paper) with information about the art — what species or group of animals is illustrated (common and scientific names), and a short statement about the interesting characteristics of that animal. (Be sure that lettering does not show through the illustration; a separate but attached sheet is preferred -- no staples please.)

## Scientific Illustration

### (all grades)

Students should strive for technical accuracy in their art. Illustrations may be of single animals (e.g., diatom, copepod, squid, herring, etc.) or a group of animals. Artwork may be based on microscope studies, field observations, dissections, or photographs. High school biology and marine science students are encouraged to submit entries, as are students in art classes. Students should attach a brief statement about the process of developing the illustration and the common and scientific name(s) of the animal(s) pictured.

## Computer Graphics and Photos

### (all grades)

Students may use any computer graphics software program to develop original computer art or to manipulate images from outside sources. If using photographs or artwork from other artists, please state the source of the original images. Students should also write a brief statement about the animal(s) in the artwork.



## Judging

Entries will be judged on creativity, factual accuracy, artistic presentation, neatness, and relevance to the theme. Grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12, scientific illustration and computer graphics will be judged separately.

## Prizes

**Grand Prize:** 4 whale watch tickets from Dolphin Fleet of Provincetown.

**First Place** (all categories): \$25 cash award, 4 passes to the New England Aquarium, and Certificate.

**Second Place** (all categories): \$15 cash award, 2 passes to the NE Aquarium, and Certificate.

**Third Place** (all categories): \$10 cash award, 2 passes to the New England Aquarium, and Certificate.

**Honorable Mention:** Certificate.

**Entry Deadline:**  
**April 28, 2011**

## Questions

For more information about the contest, call 781-545-8026 ext. 204 or email [anne.smrcina@noaa.gov](mailto:anne.smrcina@noaa.gov)

To find out more about marine life in the sanctuary and the Gulf of Maine, visit these web sites:

**Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary**  
<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>

**New England Aquarium Teacher Resource Center**  
<http://www.neaq.org>

**Census of Marine Life**  
<http://www.usm.maine.edu/gulfofmaine-census>

**Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies**  
<http://www.coastalstudies.org>

## Send entries to:

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# Entry Form

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STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of this entry gives the sponsoring organizations all rights to use the artwork for non-commercial purposes. Entry grants permission to use the (high school) student's name in press releases and web pages announcing results of the contest and in any use by the sponsoring organizations of the artwork in their publications and web sites. For grades K-8, students will be identified by school and first names/last initials only.



Check here if you **DO NOT PERMIT** use of the student's full name:

Details about the art (as specified in contest rules): \_\_\_\_\_

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