



## 2024 Youth Wildflower Art Contest

Have wildflowers ever inspired the inner artist in you? If so, here's an opportunity to show your creativity through the annual Youth Wildflower Art Contest at Shenandoah National Park. The contest is being held virtually again this year but with an expansion to include all Virginia and District of Columbia students! K-12 students in public, private, and city schools, as well as home-schooled students throughout Virginia can submit their entries from February 17 to April 7, 2024.

For the subjects of their work, artists must use wildflowers that are native to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Shenandoah National Park. Entries must be on flat media, such as acrylic, watercolor, fiber, charcoal, colored pencil, oil pastel, or small projects that can lay flat such as a cross-stitch or crochet piece, etc. Photographs, computer-generated, or computer-enhanced artwork will not be accepted. Works will be judged on the basis of original design and artistic composition. Judges will select the top entries from each grade level (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12), and one of the top entries will be selected as the "Best in Show."

The artwork submission guidelines, contest rules, and a complete list of eligible flower species can be found on the Park website: [go.nps.gov/yac](https://www.nps.gov/yac)



Clockwise from left: Jack-in-the-Pulpet by Rex, age 16; Wild Columbine by Camden, age 16; Serviceberry Tree by Laura, age 11; Bloodroot by Madeline, age 15.