

## Over 870 Kids Show What The Forest Means to Them Through Art

**MORE THAN 870 CHILDREN PICKED UP THEIR CRAYONS AND PAINTS** and sketched their ideas of what the forest means to them and their communities. Nine children emerged as winners and runners up of the National Forest Week contest held by the ABCFP and the Truck Loggers Association (TLA).

Each category had a winner and two runners up. Each winner received a \$50 gift card to Chapters and all the kids received certificates of achievement. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a drawing. Picking the winner was very difficult—so many of the submissions were outstanding.

# Art and Forestry

Age Category 4-5 years



Winner: Braeden McLachlan, age 5, Lac La Biche, Alberta  
 Runner Up: Cleo Furney, age 5, Port McNeill  
 Runner Up: Arianna Gill, age 5, Kelowna



Age Category 6-8 years



Winner: Grace Miao, age 8, Richmond  
 Runner Up: Felix Barron, age 8, Nelson  
 Runner Up: Austin Dubland, age 8, Armstrong



Age Category 9-12 years



Winner: Emily Richardson, age 12, Revelstoke  
 Runner Up: Anna Xin, age 11, Coquitlam  
 Runner Up: Jane Katili, age 12, Coquitlam



## Battle of the NFPs



Photo: Ron Mellinga

*Barb Drennan, RFT, takes Sunset Elementary's grade five students tree planting during their forest tour. Over 200 North Island intermediate-level students participated in a full-day forest tour this year.*

### National Forest Week Battle of the Network Forest Professionals

We are pleased to announce that the North Island NFP in Port McNeill won the 2011 Battle of the NFPs. They were able to wrest the title from last year's winner—the East Kootenay NFP in Cranbrook. Prior to last year, the North Island NFP won the battle for three years in a row. Through their tireless work, they triumphed again.

### From North Island NFP – Winners of the 2011 Battle of the Network Forest Professionals

A big thank you to all those who helped out with this year's National Forest Week activities. It was another great showing of collaboration between Western Forest Products; Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Strategic Forest Management; Regional District of Mount Waddington; and Mill & Timber.

This year, 13 North Island schools (public, First Nations and private) eagerly participated in our traditional National Forest Week (NFW) activities.

Over 60 Grade 10 students received Careers in Forestry presentations, which included the opportunity to discuss forestry with a couple of passionate forest professionals, watch the video "This Is My Office," and receive handouts/brochures. As part of their visit, the presenters were happy to discover that several of the students were contemplating a career in the forest sector. Receiving such a positive response, the presenters have offered to return next term, and visit the remaining Grade 10 students.

Over 500 primary-level students received Forests for People presentations, which included a visit from Smokey Bear and handouts, including a Smokey Bear pencil/bookmark and entry form into the ABCFP's NFW Art Contest. As usual, all of the students were thrilled to spend some time with Smokey and hugs and smiles were abundant.

Over 100 intermediate-level students participated in a full-day forestry tour and another 100 students participated in another tour on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The forest tour included a hike along the Beaver Lake Trail, an opportunity to plant trees, a mini-logger's sports competition and a

salmon BBQ lunch. With this year's tours, home-schooled children also participated and the response from these families was very positive.

In addition to the above, this year's NFW activities also included a couple of new events organized by Western Forest Products and Mill & Timber. Western Forest Products staff treated Woss students to their own forest tour, as well as the regular primary presentation and visit from Smokey Bear. This was especially nice for the Woss students, as in previous years, the older students had to travel an additional 45 minutes each way, to attend the regular forest tours. Mill & Timber treated Grade 7 students from the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw school to a boat tour of their forestry operations in Seymour Inlet.

### Member Photo Contest Winners

We received 43 entries in our inaugural National Forest Week photo contest. Many of them were beautifully composed images. We definitely have some artists in the membership.

We are pleased to announce that the winning photo was submitted by Gordon Haley, RFT, of Terrace. The two runners up are Kelly Kitsch, RFT, of Mission and John Deal, RPF, RPBio of Campbell River.

All three members will receive a prize pack of ABCFP logoware and Gordon Haley's photo is featured on the front cover of this issue of **BC Forest Professional**.

### Inaugural Essay Contest Winners

We are pleased to announce that Bronwyn Balaz-Munn, age 16, of Coquitlam won the top prize in in the ABCFP's first essay contest held during National Forest Week. Her essay, titled "Trees of My Childhood" explained the nourishing role forests played in her suburban childhood. Valerie Flokstra, age 15, of Chilliwack, and Kelton Rohrick, age 13, of Invermere were the two runners up.

You can see all the winning photos and essays on our website by clicking on About Us, News & Events, National Forest Week. 🐾