

**Pelham Art Festival and Rotary Club of Fonthill Celebrate the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup**

This year's Pelham Art Festival has gone on line with the theme "Our Planet, Our Future". As they shifted, the organizers heard about the Rotary Club of Fonthill's plans to participate in the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup scheduled to run from April 24th through June 2021.

To promote the festival as well as the Rotary Club, festival organizer, Natalia Shields connected to Rotarian John Cappa to form a partnership. Out of this first communication the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Poster Contest was formed.

Youth were encouraged to create a poster to advertise the GLWC and the work of Rotary towards protecting and supporting our environment. The posters were scored by Art Festival staff as well as by local Rotarians.

Three posters were submitted and each highlighted the event and the work that Rotary does to protect the environment. All three participants were provided a GLWC t-shirt. Each participant also received a financial award of \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third place, made possible by a generous donation from Rotary District 7090 Governor and Fonthill Rotarian Frank Adamson.

The winning artists, selected by a panel from the Pelham Arts Festival and the Rotary Club of Fonthill, are:

- First Place: Emily Shatford;
- Second Place: Sara Ewing; and
- Third Place: Natalie Anderson

The winning posters will be used by Rotary District 7090 to promote the cleanup across 'Best of Friends' district, including Clubs in Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Youth were also encouraged to participate in the Pelham Art Festival's Youth "Our Planet, Our Future" art competition. The Pelham Art Festival will showcase all art work from May 1st to May 15th in a free on-line forum.

**Links**

- [Pelham Arts Festival](#)
- [Rotary Club of Fonthill](#)
- [Rotary District 7090](#) – Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup (GLWC)
- [GLWC Facebook Group](#)

**Attachments**

Winning posters – file names identify the artist

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