



## Recyclable-Art Competition in honor of *America Recycles Day*

UW-Stout is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recyclable Art Competition on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM. This event is open to all residents in Dunn County.

Artwork will be judged separately for the following categories:

- Elementary School Student
- Middle School Student
- High School Student
- Adult (18 and older)

For each category, 2 prizes will be awarded-- **Popular Choice** (greatest number of votes by people attending the event) and **Judge's Choice** (greatest number of votes by the judging panel).

To compete in this event, all artists need to register by **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. To register, please send an email to Krista James at [jamesk@uwstout.edu](mailto:jamesk@uwstout.edu). Include your name and contact information (phone # and email), judging category (elementary, middle school, high school, adult), and display needs of your project (size—can it fit on a table?).

**All art entries must be made from recyclable materials-** when in doubt ask this question “If this project were dismantled, could the different parts be recycled?”

All individuals entering the competition must deliver their art work **in person** and must stay until the end, when winners are announced and photos are taken. All art work must be taken home by the artists immediately after the competition (including the winners, hence the photos).

**Bring your art to the Great Hall between 5:30-6:00PM** on November 12th. Judging for the “Judges Choice” category will occur from 6:00-7:30PM. Make sure you invite your family and friends to increase your chances of winning the “Popular Vote” category. All winners will be announced by 8:00PM.

**Lots of great family-friendly environmental activities** are planned from 6:00-8:00PM-- no one will be bored waiting for the results to be announced! We're also recruiting local “family friendly” entertainment (low sound volume-- last year the band was too loud).

America Recycles Day (ARD) is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. Since its inception in 1997, the ARD campaign has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work, and to buy products made with recycled materials.

Our country produces almost 240 million tons of municipal solid waste every year-- approximately 4 ½ pounds of waste per person per day, most of which is recyclable. Recycling has environmental benefits at every stage in the life cycle of a consumer product—from the raw material that it's made with, to the final method of disposal.

By using our resources wisely, we strengthen our economy and national security. Literally thousands of products are recyclable, especially paper, yard waste, motor oil, tires, plastic, glass, batteries, building materials, and obsolete electronic products. By committing ourselves to reduce more waste, to reuse and recycle more materials, to buy more recycled and recyclable products, and to reduce toxic chemicals in products and waste, we conserve energy and preserve natural resources.

*This event is sponsored by Dunn County Solid Waste, Sustainable Dunn, Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation, Sustainable Dunn, West Wisconsin Land Trust, and the following Stout organizations: GreenSense, SSA, BDP, IRHA, Biology Dept, Art Education Dept, and Sustainability Office.*