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County honors students for Reduce Your Carbon Footprint calendar

Sarasota County commissioners recently honored 13 elementary school artists whose illustrations appear on the 2011 “Bring It Home, Reduce Your Carbon Footprint” calendar. More than 1,500 students entered this year’s competition to illustrate ways to encourage the thoughtful and sustainable use of water and energy. The calendar was produced in cooperation with the Sarasota County School Board.

“The purpose of the calendar is to encourage students and all Sarasota County residents to get involved in improving the environmental quality of our county and the earth as a whole,” said Rob Wright, who coordinates the calendar contest for Sarasota County through its Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) program. The popular annual calendar is free and features the winning illustrations, along with a thought for the month to encourage sustainable use of our natural resources and energy.

The annual calendar contest is open to any elementary student in any public or private Sarasota County school, including charter schools, and elementary school-age, home-schooled students. Each winner’s school will receive a supply of calendars, and copies of the winning artwork will be displayed throughout January 2011 in the Sarasota County School Board Administration offices.

Copies of the calendar will be available at all county public libraries and administration facilities after Dec. 15. To get a free copy of the 2011 “Bring It Home, Reduce Your Carbon Footprint” calendar, or to learn more about the NEST program, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Rob Wright.

Media note: A complete list of winners is attached. Also attached is a low-resolution image of the cover art. High-resolution images are available upon request.

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