

2023 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

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I Spy With My Little Eye,
Something Green Outside –
Celebrating Our Green World

The 2023 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry contest was open to all youth in Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. The contest was designed to excite and encourage youth to explore their creative thoughts through poetry.

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The theme of the 2023-2024 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest was:

**I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside -
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Youth in Kindergarten through Ninth Grade were invited to participate by sending their poems to their local garden club. Winning poems from each garden club were sent to the state competition. This booklet contains the state winning poems. State winners will be sent to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. region competition; and those winners will be sent to the national competition.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

... is a non-profit educational organization, formed in 1930, to stimulate knowledge of gardening; to aid in the protection of trees, plants and birds; and to promote civic beautification. The fundamental objectives are expanded to meet the needs of today: community beautification; roadside development; good horticultural practices; litter control; aid in the protection of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and birds; and preservation and restoration of historic sites.

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... is a 501(c)(3) organization whose Mission is to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

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Overall Winner

And First Place, Sixth Grade

Emma B., North Salem, IN

Colors in Nature

I spy with my eye
Something that is green.
A tree with big leaves
Is what I have seen.

I spy with my eye
Something that is white.
Big, fluffy clouds
That I see take flight.

I spy with my eye
Something that is yellow.
A goldfinch sitting on a branch
Being a cute little fellow.



Runner-up Winner

And First Place, Third Grade

Lucas W., Lebanon, IN

Al, The Alligator

Al, the Alligator is a very fine fellow.
His eyes are red.
His belly is yellow.

He lives in Florida
In the lake by Pa's house.
He crawls up the bank
As quiet as a mouse.

He suns himself for an hour or two.
He dips back in and has a great Waterloo.





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