2023
YOUTH SCULPTURE
CONTEST WINNERS

INDIANA STATE WINNERS



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#### 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.

### gardenclubofindiana.org

### National Garden Clubs, Inc.

... 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, Eighth Grade Madison B., Carmel, IN



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### **List of Materials Used**

- -newspaper -cardboard -bottle caps
- -glue -acrylic paint -gouache

### **Description**

This sculpture pictures a snail & mushrooms, showing the wonderful organisms in our ecosystems that we need to protect. Mushrooms recycle dead material and use it to produce nutrients for the soil. Snails' feces also helps put nutrients into the soil. I chose these organisms because they are the perfect examples of what it means to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and they can inspire us to do the same.

## First Place - Fifth Grade

### Josiah S., Crown Point, IN



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### **List of Materials Used**

used plastic pop bottle, used egg crate holders, used batteries, plastic straws, floral design container, eggcarton plastic styroform, beads, cardboard

### Description

When I grow up, I want to be an astronaut and be part of the 1st space station on the moon. We need to expore the resources obtainable from the moon to help planet earth restore its natural resources, We also need to creat places to live and work as we expand exploration of space.

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## First Place - Sixth Grade

### Miantso R., Crown Point, IN



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### **List of Materials Used**

styrafoam used bowl for pond: old used silk flowes fro thrw away design: plastic flower stems for reeds: shoe box cardboard for lilly pads: old newspaper to get wet to mold by hand to make frog and duck: used leftover paint from a art project.

### **Description**

I believe that ducks and frogs need a clean envirment to survive. This sculpture show how wonderfull life can be balancing the environment to help maintain a clean environment for all. It also shows the peace and tranqility of a balanced ecosystem. I hope to grow up to be a protector of the environment to make the earth a better place to live.

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