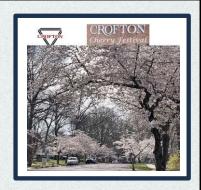


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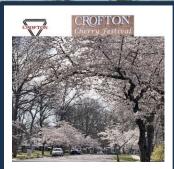
Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival Summary Report



ROW Foundation, in collaboration with the Crofton Colony Home Owners Association arranged a painting event at the Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival organized by the Crofton Civic Association on March 30th, 2024.





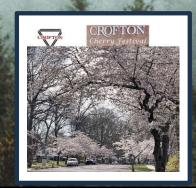




Pictures from the painting event.

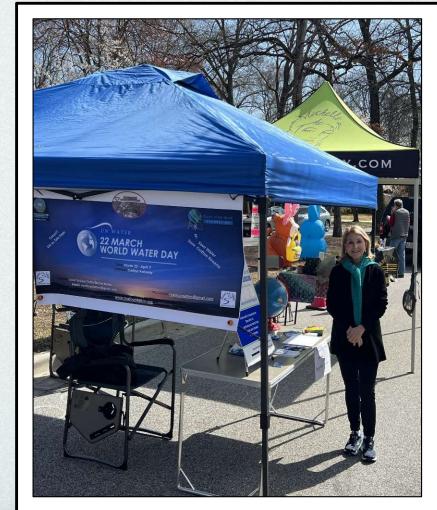








Bernie Nolan & Maryland Delegate Stuart M. Schmidt, Jr



Debbie Nolan

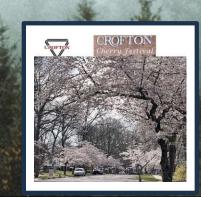












Painting Event – Top 3 Paintings on Water and Environment Judged by Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation

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Selected Art – At the Crofton Cherry Blossom Festival, Crofton-based international non-profit, Rivers of the World Foundation, provided the materials to create art illustrating their ideas of clean rivers and water. Since then, Rivers of the World Foundation circulated the art to a panel of judges to select their top 3 pieces. The judges were:

- Mr. Sudhir Nautiyal, Textile Engineer, who participates in various textile design contests as a judge.
- Mr. Jeff Huntington, MA arts, Annapolis, MD formerly an art teacher in a DC college, now a famous mural painter.
- Ishant Bhandari, a 2nd year student in GEU, Dehradun, India.
- Subijoy Dutta, Founding Director, Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation and Crofton resident.

Here are the selected art pieces with Mr. Huntington's evaluations ...

#1 Emmanuel – Emmanuel's drawing has an unconventional feel and approach. I noticed my eyes moving around the perimeter. The subject matter is arranged along the edges of the paper, including the signature, which, to me, becomes a part of the composition. There is something soothing about the center of the drawing, typically the focal point, having been left empty, like the silence between notes in a musical composition.



#2 **Aleah** – Aleah has given order to her composition, illustrating a recession in space by layering the elements in horizontal bands



from bottom to top - the foreground trail and lawn with trees anchored at the bottom, topped by the water with fish, then more lawn with trees, sky, clouds, and sun. There is logical thinking involved.

#3 Alyssa - A larger-than-life sea horse dominates the composition, demanding full attention



as the primary subject and focal point. Bubbles suggest floatation and lightness while a simple horizontal line holding a crab indicates an ocean floor and anchors the drawing. The curves of the sea horse are convincingly drawn.





THANK YOU FOR VIEWING THE WWD-2024 REPORT ON CROFTON CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE VALUABLE.



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