

ROW Foundation Announces Virtual Activities- WWD 2020 Program

In Collaboration with United Nations Water (UN Water)

EVENTS to be Conducted Virtually DUE TO COVID-19

ROW Foundation Announces **Special Awards** for WWD2020

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| 1. Best Paintings; (200) | 2. Best Event Coverage/Reporting; (\$100) |
| 3. Best Children Participation;(\$100) | 4. Most Sustainable Activity (\$100) |

Come!!! Let us Take Steps to Save our Streams, Rivers and Lakes

World Water Day 2020

- Reducing water Scarcity
- Improving Water Availability
- Restoring Water Quality

THIS MEANS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT

Location: Local Stream/River

For further info. Please contact: _____ ; P/email: _____

<https://rowfoundation.org>

This Year's UN World Water Day theme is "We Cannot Afford to Wait"

Please check the website (<http://rowfoundation.org>) for banners and Logos

Re: Changed to Virtual Only - WWD 2020 - in Harmony with UN Water - Event Banner -

Dear River Lovers,

Due to the worldwide emergencies due to COVID-19 pandemic virus in many countries, including China, Italy, Spain, USA among others, the UN Water issued the following information -

"In the light of the global spread of the virus and following instructions from national authorities and [guidance from the World Health Organization](#), the World Water Day observances that were scheduled to take place in [Geneva](#), [Rome](#), Paris and New York have been postponed or cancelled."

<https://www.unwater.org/covid-19-world-water-day-face-to-face-observances-postponed/>

The ROW Foundation is following these advisories and **canceling site activities and changing to virtual activities such as painting for WWD -2020**. We will send further information on some of **the non-contact fun activities that you may undertake at home and coordinate with your local organizers** for sending those to us for evaluation and awards. We will provide further information as the situation on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) develops.

For now, please **follow the approved CDC guidance** -

- Wear a Mask when outside your home and visiting anyone or going to a public place.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after every activities, interaction or meeting involving anyone - vendors, drivers, shopkeepers included.
- Encourage others to do the same and explain to them humbly
- Keep your home/place of stay clear of clutters
- Avoid touching your face by your hand subconsciously (hard to do - 😊)

Please check our website and stay tuned for the latest update on <https://rowfoundation.org>

The Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation (<http://rowfoundation.org>) will be having awareness activities as updated above for the following sites.

Activities to undertake at home –

Paintings of Lakes, Rivers, Mountains, Environment and other relevant objects and themes pertaining to water, environment and other current situations to promote awareness, protection, and progress.

Please give some specific themes to –

1. Group 1 (age groups 10-12 or lower as you deem fit)
2. Group 2 (age groups 13-19)
3. Group 3 (college 20-23)
4. Group 4 (graduate students/post-doc/faculty- anyone- 24+)

We will post the best digital copies of the paintings on our website and reward top 5 paintings.

More activities will be added in future... please check periodically.

For further information please contact the coordinators below.

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