

**2010 River of Words®
IOWA Environmental
Poetry & Art Exhibit
Participants**

****IOWA WINNER
*HONORABLE MENTION**

Grades K-3 POETRY

Marcos Sandoval**

age 8
McKinley Elementary School
Des Moines, Iowa
Waterfalls

Isabella Cook*

age 8
Sacred Heart School
West Des Moines, Iowa
Worms

Ashley Colin

age 8
McKinley Elementary School
Des Moines, Iowa
Pond of Animals

Grades K-3 ART

Coby Adams**

age 8
Resurrection School
Dubuque, Iowa
Franky

Hannah Birks*

age 7
Ankeny, Iowa
Happy Butterfly

Grace Burke

age 7
Resurrection School
Dubuque, Iowa
Fish

Shannek Lockman-Young
age 8
McKinley Elementary School
Des Moines, Iowa
Fishing

Grades 4-6 POETRY

Anna Herrig**
age 9
Resurrection School
Dubuque, Iowa
Water

Isabelle Perkins*
age 11
East Mills Middle School
Hastings, Iowa
Trees

Justine Doyle
age 11
Davenport, Iowa
White Clover

Andrew Miller
age 11
ADM Middle School
Adel, Iowa
Catfish

Lilian Swanson
age 11
Clarion Elementary School
Clarion, Iowa
Watershed

Grades 4-6 ART

Megan Lukas**
age 11
Amana, Iowa
A Family Outing

Merika Houtchens*
age 10
East Mills Middle School
Hastings, Iowa
Yellow Lily

Dayton Brugman
age 10
Clay Central/Everly Schools
Royal, Iowa
Crimson Red

Dayton Brugman
age 10
Clay Central/Everly Schools
Royal, Iowa
Days of Fall

Grades 7-9 POETRY

Evan Higginbotham**
age 13
Knoxville Middle School
Knoxville, Iowa
Water Tranquility

Alex Gibson*
age 13
Knoxville Middle School
Knoxville, Iowa
Remember?

Douglas Cline
age 12
Coin, Iowa
Water H₂O

Brandon Merrill
age 13
Knoxville Middle School
Knoxville, Iowa
Peaceful Lake

Paige Ray
age 12
Knoxville Middle School
Knoxville, Iowa
A Growing Flower

Grades 7-9 ART

Raven Snyder**
age 12
Wilson Middle School
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Under the Water

Hannah Harms
age 14
Waverly, Iowa
Quenching the Flames

Grades 10-12 POETRY

America Obregon**
age 17
Muscatine High School
Muscatine, Iowa
The Heart of the Mississippi

Elizabeth Dee*
age 16
Davenport Central High School
Davenport, Iowa
As Water Falls

Britney Fry
age 17
Muscatine High School
Muscatine, Iowa
Nature's Ballet

Grades 10-12 ART

Cory Sullivan**
age 16
Waverly, Iowa
A Touch of Life

Nicholas Clemens*
age 17
Muscatine High School
Muscatine, Iowa
The Old Mill

Chelsea Wagschal*
age 17
Davenport Central High School
Davenport, Iowa
Reflection of the Day

Nicole Clark
age 16
Udell, Iowa
Railroad Flower

JURY for the 2010 River of Words® IOWA Environmental Poetry & Art Competition

POETRY

Holly Carver
Director, University of Iowa Press
As an editor and publisher at the University of Texas Press and, since 1985, at the University of Iowa Press, Holly has edited many books of poetry, including the winners of the Iowa Poetry Prize.

ART

Pat Lohmann*
Iowa Coordinator, River of Words
Pat received an MFA in painting from the University of Iowa School of Art and Art History. She is an artist and publication designer for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

*retired June 2010

Get involved for CLEAN WATER...
Volunteer Programs available
through the Iowa Department of
Natural Resources

IOWATER, Iowa's volunteer water quality monitoring program, provides Iowans an opportunity to monitor water resources in their own communities. Volunteers are provided with training and monitoring equipment, and can then monitor wherever and whenever they choose. The program brings people closer to the landscapes that surround them and encourages them to develop a sense of place within their own watersheds. This tie between ourselves and the water resources that give us life will lead to the understanding, respect, and protection of Iowa's water bodies long into the future.

For more information, please visit:

www.iowater.net

Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition), is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' annual weeklong, volunteer river cleanup and watershed awareness event. Hundreds of Iowans spend anywhere from a day to an entire week paddling and hauling trash from Iowa's waterways while learning about and enjoying our water resources from the seat of a canoe.

Through hands-on experience, water quality monitoring, and organized on-the-river and evening educational opportunities, volunteers not only learn about water quality, wildlife, and recycling, they experience them firsthand. Project AWARE nurtures a personal interest in Iowa's natural resources and proves that individual actions can lead to remarkable results. For more information, please visit:

www.iowaprojectaware.com