

## 2007 MAY ART CONTEST

Now is the time for our Youth members to think about the May Art Contest and concentrate on a theme. Many of our children are gifted with the ability to create and/or reproduce artistic drawings and we as parents and assembly officers have an obligation to encourage them to utilize this talent. One of the ways we can do this is to get them involved in the NSS May Art Contest. Guidance may be provided if needed by a parent or adult, but please remember, this is a display of their talents and the artwork submitted should be done by the child.

The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted per member.
3. Contestant may create their artwork using crayons, pastels, watercolors, liquid crayons, oils, pen, ink, charcoal, cesium or tempera.
4. Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing **will not** be accepted.
5. Entries may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes and protection when shipping.
6. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size and should be clearly printed on the back of each entry. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:  
Youth sizes - YS and YM  
Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL.
7. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed along with their photograph in the Youth Circle Publication. A listing of the winners will appear in the National News and will be published on the NSS website. First place winners will be highlighted on the cover of the Youth Circle Publication.
8. Contest shall be judged under the following levels and ages:  
Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7  
Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10  
Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13  
Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16\*
9. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:  
First Place                   \$50.00 and a Jacket  
Second Place               \$25.00 and a Jacket  
Third Place                   \$15.00 and a Jacket

If your entry is not chosen as a first, second or third place prize, you will receive a NSS Life T-Shirt just for entering. Every participant is a winner!

10. **Deadline** for entries to the Home Office is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Either mail or deliver artwork to:  
NSS Life  
c/o Fraternal Department  
351 Valley Brook Road  
McMurray PA 15317
11. Entries will be judged by a non-member art teacher from a local school district. Decisions of the judge shall be final in all cases.
12. The National Elder of the National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all displays or winning entries. *Artwork will only be returned by request.*

\*In the event the First place winner of Van Gogh Level either enters an accredited Art School or pursues Art as a career in college, he/she will be awarded a one-time \$250.00 Art Scholarship provided that the student meets all the NSS PVR Scholarship rules and regulations.

***BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS.***