

## 2012 SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE COMPETITION

The Hot Springs National Park Sister City Foundation encourages any Garland County students 13 to 18 years old to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual 2012 Sister Cities International Young Artists Showcase. This year's theme is: "**Youth as the Catalyst for Change**"

**"What does that mean to you?** The world today is more connected than ever. With the help of social media and innovative new methods of communication and mobilization of groups, change can occur at a faster pace than ever before. Throughout the world, this new generation of youth is harnessing this power to create change and promote progress. The 2012 theme is an opportunity for you to use art- work to express how communication, technology, and individual initiative can lead to dramatic social change. Submissions can highlight your experience with social media, how you are creating change in your community, or how global communication and exchange has had an impact on your life."

The local deadline for entries is: 5 PM Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Entries for the juried exhibit will be accepted at the Fine Art Center of Hot Springs from Wednesday, March 7 until 5 PM Saturday March 17. (note hours of operation below).

The Fine Arts Center is located at 626 Central Avenue (across from Hill Wheatley Plaza at the corner of Central and Prospect Ave.)

Operating hours are: Wednesday -Saturday, 11AM-5PM (**closed Sunday, Mondays and Tuesdays**).

Phone number: 624-0489.

Questions? Contact Mary Neilson <hotspringsistercity@yahoo.com>

All local entries and Hanamaki entries will be showcased during the April Downtown Gallery Walk on April 6. Local 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive gift certificates. The local Hot Springs and Hanamaki first place winners will go on to compete in the national contest.

5 U.S. and 5 International Finalists will be selected from the total national contest entries, and the two overall winners will receive \$1000.

**(There are NO fees for the local contest. Any fee for the national contest will be paid by the Hot Springs Sister City Foundation.)**

Matting of entries is preferred, but not required for the local show. The contest is open to students who are **13-18 years old at the time of the final deadline, April 29, 2012.**

Please read the official national contest flier for complete details at <http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/yap.cfm>

### Medium & Specifications

☐ Only two-dimensional artwork, no larger than 24" x 30" (60cm x 75cm), is accepted. All 2D media is eligible.

☐ Entries that use copyrighted or trade- marked images will not be accepted.

☐ Entries must not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from any other source. Entries from previous years will not be accepted. Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead. Entries not adhering to these guidelines will not be considered.

**A completed copy of the Artist Entry Form 2012 must be attached to EACH entry.**

**The form can be downloaded at: <http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/yap.cfm>**