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Winners Announced in Creative Recycling Art Contest

Contest artwork will be on display at the Charleston County Main Library located at 68 Calhoun Street in downtown Charleston Tuesday, November 15 through Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

Charleston County's Environmental Management Department recently held the 14th Annual Creative Recycling Art Contest to locally celebrate America Recycles Day. Adults and students were asked to submit artwork composed of 70 percent recyclable and/or discarded materials.

The contest winners are:

Adult Category (18+ yrs)

- **First Place:** Sam Ogden, "Nearsighted Sea Turtle Gorges Himself on Bagfish," made from cardboard, masking tape, painter's tape, hot glue, T pins and plastic bags. (Prize: \$300.00 gift card)
- **Second Place (Honorable Mention):** Austin Abt, "Bulb Child", made from scrap metal, discarded wire, electrical parts and machine parts.

Student Category

- **First Place:** Hannah Holloway, "Out My Old Window," made from old window pane frame, wire, tissue paper, bottle caps and cork. (Prize: \$300.00 gift card)
- **Second Place (Honorable Mention):** Kashe Hamlin, "For the Love of Kicks," made from cardboard, plastic basket, aluminum can, metal can, fabric, recycled paper, hot glue and acrylic paint.

A reception for all entrants will be held on America Recycles Day, November 15th, at the [Charleston County Main Library](#) at 6 p.m. Artwork will remain on display until November 30th.

Sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, National America Recycles Day has been celebrated for fourteen years on November 15 to promote recycling initiatives throughout the year. Events are held to educate and encourage citizens to work together to increase recycling in their communities. For more information on America Recycles Day, visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

Charleston County Environmental Management encourages you to recycle and buy recycled products. Recyclable materials include all paper items, such as: home office paper, mail, magazines, books, newspapers, paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes), flattened cardboard; glass; plastics #1- 7; and aluminum cans. Household hazardous products, such as: cleaning products, pesticides, automotive oil, and paint, can be disposed of safely and easily at several [drop-off locations](#) throughout the county. It is also important to recycle your old, non-working or unused

electronic devices which often consist of valuable resources such as precious metals (gold or silver), more common metals (aluminum and copper) and engineered plastics. Electronic recycling helps to recover these valuable materials while also conserving energy and landfill space.

For more information on recycling, contact the Charleston County Environmental Management Department at (843) 720-7111 or visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org.