2020 Contest Theme: Double Vision

Transform an ordinary envelope into a work of art! The 2020 theme is inspired by the year itself. Only once a century does the year double up! On an envelope, capture something that’s double—whatever you see in your personal Double Vision. Make sure your submission reflects the artistic hand lettering and imaginative use of color and design that have been the hallmarks of the contest. And, of course, incorporate postage stamp(s) into your creation.

RULES:

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 23, 2020, and addressed artistically by hand to:

The Graceful Envelope
1207 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

2. You may enter only one envelope. Size may not exceed 7x9 inches. Standard #10 business envelopes are also permitted. There is no entry fee.

3. Entries must be processed and delivered through the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail and may not be wrapped in a separate envelope or protective covering (unless multiple entries are coming from one class).

4. On the back of the envelope, print “FROM” and your name, address and email (or teacher’s email). Students need to indicate their grade level.

5. To see full contest rules and past winning Graceful Envelopes, visit: http://www.calligraphersguild.org/envelope.html

JUDGING:

Winners will be chosen based on artistic hand lettering, creative interpretation of the theme and effective use of color and design, including incorporation of postage stamp(s).

Judges will consider entries in these categories:

*ADULT
*Grades 1 to 4
*Grades 5 to 8
*Grades 9 to 12

WINNER NOTIFICATION:

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL. Winning artists will be displayed online beginning in early June 2020. Adult winning envelopes will be displayed at Penny Post, a stationery and lettering arts shop in Old Town Alexandria, VA. Winning envelopes will receive publicity and certificates; Penny Post will also have customers select a “People’s Choice” awardee. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and entries will not be returned.

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