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5th Grader Wins Statewide Magazine Youth Art Contest *K-5 Youth From Across Virginia Recognized for Creative Efforts*

Anny Liu, an 11-year-old from Vienna, Va., has earned “Best in Show” honors in *Cooperative Living* magazine’s 2013 Youth Art Contest.

For the 12th-annual version of this contest, students in kindergarten through fifth grades from across Virginia were invited to submit artwork illustrating the theme “Here’s How I Help Other People.”

Anny, a 5th-grader at Mosby Woods School in Fairfax County, used oil paints to create her entry, which shows a child helping an elderly person leave their wheelchair behind and take a walk. Her painting is featured on the cover of the July issue of *Cooperative Living*.

More than 250 student artists entered the annual competition, which was judged by staff at the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, publisher of *Cooperative Living*. First place in each grade category received a \$25 cash prize and Anny’s “Best in Show” work earned her a \$100 prize.

“We started the Youth Art Contest more than a decade ago to encourage youthful creativity and give kids in Virginia a chance to show their art to the magazine’s 1.2 million readers,” said Bill Sherrod, *Cooperative Living*’s editor. “Everyone who judged the entries was impressed with both the quality and creativity of the students’ work.”

The contest was announced in the February and March/April issues of *Cooperative Living* and entries were due May 1. The first-, second- and third-place entries for each grade are published in full color in the July issue of the magazine, which is available online at www.co-opliving.com.

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2014 Youth Art contest winners by grade are:

Kindergarten

- 1st – Caroline Wright, Radiant
- 2nd – Anna Robertson, Ruther Glen
- 3rd – Naiyah Jean Foster, Cullen

First Grade

- 1st – Ruby Quarles, Chantilly
- 2nd – Abby Wilhelm, Chantilly
- 3rd – Gabe Leonard, Farmville

Second Grade

- 1st – Dylan Love, Wylliesburg
- 2nd – Catherine Tran, Centerville
- 3rd – Lexi Vonetes, Mineral

Third Grade

- 1st – Mackenzie Davis, Colonial Beach
- 2nd – Miriam McMurray, Harrisonburg
- 3rd – Victoria VanDevender, Woodford

Fourth Grade

- 1st – Marisa Roy, Manassas
- 2nd – Winifred Carroll, Orange
- 3rd – Maria Wade, Woodford

Fifth Grade

- 1st – Millana Buchkov, Weyers Cave
- 2nd – Anna Sohia Cline, Chantilly
- 3rd – Kaitlynn Love, Wylliesburg

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