

## What is it?

We are excited to invite your students to participate in **the Art of Sustainable Science**, an annual event at the Huntsville Botanical Garden!

To participate, students create an art project or a science-fair style project that demonstrates a message of sustainability or conservation. Whether your students are more creatively inclined or more scientifically driven, there is something for everyone.

### ***NEW THIS YEAR: We're going virtual!***

All projects must be submitted virtually using videos and/or photographs, and there will be no in-person events.

**Who:** Students in grades K-12

**When:** Projects due March 1, 2021

**Cost:** FREE to participate  
(Pre-registration required)

**Prizes:** Judges from local organizations will select winners in each category and grade level group, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. (See inside for details.)

Each participant will also receive two (2) daytime tickets for a future visit to the Garden!

## Important Dates

**February 19 at 5:00 p.m.**

Project registration deadline

**March 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

Project submission deadline

**March 2-5**

Project scoring by judges

**March 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

Virtual announcement of winning projects

**March 8-12 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Prize and certificate pickup at the Garden

**March 25**

Prize checks mailed to winners

### **Health and Safety Guidelines**

At the Garden, our priority is the health and safety of our community, and we have implemented safety measures in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and the ADPH.

For the health and safety of all participants, staff, and volunteers, the Art of Sustainable Science will be a virtual event this year.

Please note that when picking up items at the Garden, face coverings or masks will be required. **You can find a complete list of the Garden's visitor guidelines at [www.hsvbg.org/visit](http://www.hsvbg.org/visit).**

Changes may occur to these guidelines based on state and local advisement at the time of the program.

### **Huntsville Botanical Garden**

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# The Art of Sustainable Science

## March 2021



# How to Participate

Working individually or in a team, students must create a project that represents sustainability or conservation in one of the following categories:

- Energy and Resources
- Environmental Conservation
- Plant Science
- Natural Wonders

Students are responsible for providing a visual representation of their project to submit virtually (video or photo).

## Video Submission Requirements:

- Projects must be submitted via Flipgrid, a free app that is accessible from any device. You will receive instructions for using Flipgrid after your registration is complete.
- Video must be 5-10 minutes in length.
- Video must include a description of the creation process of the project and visuals of the project itself.
- Students must also answer a set of questions about their project for the judges.

## Photo Submission Requirements:

- Submission can include up to 10 photos of the project from various angles.
- Photos must be accompanied by a written description of the creation process of the project.
- Students must also answer a set of questions about their project for the judges.

Projects and answers to the questions will be due by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021.

# How to Register

*Registration is open now!*

To register to participate, each student (or an adult representing the student) must submit the following information via email to [education@hsvbg.org](mailto:education@hsvbg.org):

- Student name
- Student age and grade
- Parent/guardian or teacher name
- Name of school or homeschool organization
- Contact email and phone number
- A description of the project (250 words max) that includes the project category and how the project represents sustainability or conservation

Once your registration is processed, you will receive a list of questions and submission instructions via email.

**Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on February 19, 2021.**

# Judging and Prizes

Projects will be separated by category and grade level. There are two grade level groups: K-5 and 6-12.

Judges will evaluate projects based on the following criteria:

- Visual Appeal
- Applicability to Project Category
- Creativity
- Student Enthusiasm and Engagement

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category and grade level group. Winners will also receive a certificate and a souvenir item.

All winners will be announced virtually on March 6 at 10:00 a.m., and prizes must be picked up at the Garden between March 8 and March 12.

Prizes provided by:  **SWDA**  
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OF THE CITY OF HURTSVILLE

**Questions?** Contact Misty Hertzog, Manager of Youth Programming,  
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