

## **Earth Day Celebration and Urban Wilderness Expression Contest**

This year UEC and the Great Waters Group of the Sierra Club will be sponsoring a contest for people of all ages to artistically answer the question:

### **“What is your favorite local green space or park, and why?”**

We encourage **all** people in the Milwaukee area to answer this question in words, artwork, video, song or dance. Prizes will be given out to all age groups (12 and under, 13-17, and 18+), with the winners announced at the Earth Day celebration on April 23 at UEC’s Washington Park branch. Entrants will display their work in the auditorium and winners are asked to perform or exhibit their work onstage. Rules and other information are below. Please call 414-344-5460 with any questions, or email [UECUrbanwilderness@gmail.com](mailto:UECUrbanwilderness@gmail.com).

#### **AGE CATEGORIES**

There are three age groups: 0-12, 13-17 and 18+.

#### **PRIZES**

The top three submissions of each age group will receive prizes, including an annual membership to the Urban Ecology Center and to the Sierra Club. The top winner of each age category is asked to perform/display their work on stage when the winners are announced at the Earth Day celebration.

#### **DISPLAY**

All entries may be displayed at Urban Ecology Center’s Washington Park branch during the Earth Day celebration on April 23.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Entrants will be judged by a panel of community members, UEC staff and Sierra Club volunteers based on interpretation of the prompt, originality and technical skill.

#### **RULES**

Only one submission per person, regardless of the format

Written word – all prose or poetry is accepted, up to 1000 words. This could be fiction, non-fiction, an essay, or anything that you can think of!

Visual art – all visual interpretations of your favorite local greenspace are accepted, including photographs, drawings, sculptures, and more! Attached to any submitted visual art should be a 100-200 word reflection on your submission, exploring why that place is your favorite green space.

Film – all types of film are accepted, such as a nature documentary, a fictional story or a newscast. They must be limited to three minutes. Please upload the video to YouTube or a similar video hosting platform and provide the link.

Song/dance – all types of song or dance are accepted. They must be limited to three minutes. Please submit audio files or video links.

**SUBMISSIONS**

Submit your entries to [UECUrbanwilderness@gmail.com](mailto:UECUrbanwilderness@gmail.com) along with your name, age and phone number. Or you can drop it off at the Urban Ecology Center's Washington Park branch at 1859 N. 40th St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**DUE DATE**

Friday, April 19 at 11:59 p.m.