

FEARLESS!

RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY!

"Safe Love Is..." Art Contest & Exhibition

Fearless!, formerly known as Safe Homes, invites artists from **grades 6-12** to share their personal vision and voice in promoting healthy relationships and creating change in our culture. **1 out of every 3 teens** is impacted by dating violence before the age of 18, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or any other social identity. Types of dating violence include emotional/mental, verbal, financial, technological, physical, and sexual abuse.

The title of this year's theme is **Autonomy & Choice**. Whether we are talking about our dating relationships, our friendships, or our relationships with family members, we engage in these relationships to feel connection and togetherness. While this sense of connection is vital and important to lasting relationships, so too is a sense of independence and self-governance. For this year's theme, students should explore what it means to engage in relationships with others while also establishing boundaries and maintaining a sense of individuality. How can personal vision and voice be promoted within relationships? What is the importance of having the ability and access to make personal choices in relationships? What does being together look like while also supporting individual goals and differences? As our world is ever-changing, so too are the ways in which we all engage in relationships. Artists are invited to explore the ways in which they establish and maintain personal freedom within their relationships and how they advocate and promote healthy independence for others within relationships.

Participants must review the guidelines and submit all artwork with a completed entry form.

Selected submissions will be shown at an art show for *Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*, where the winners will also be announced:

Saturday, February 19th (Snow Date: February 26th)

2 Alices Coffee Lounge - 117 Broadway, Newburgh from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(Winners of the Art Contest will be announced at 3:00)

An additional virtual event will take place on Fearless! Hudson Valley's Facebook page

1st place winners for both the 9th-12th grade category and 6th-8th grade category will receive prizes. All winners will have a letter of recognition and appreciation sent to their schools. In addition, the winning artworks will be on display at Fearless!'s Newburgh office location, and the first-place winners in the 9th-12th grade category will be published in Fearless! materials throughout the year.



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2022 Creative Showcase Requirements

Fearless! educators are available to visit classrooms or groups in-person or virtually to give a presentation and share information as part of students' research on understanding the art contest theme.

Eligibility: Any public, private, parochial, or home-schooled student in grades 6 – 12 in Orange and Sullivan Counties, NY

Submissions will be accepted into three categories: visual art, written art, and performative art. Submissions will be judged by category on a combination of creativity, personal vision and voice, skill, originality, and depth of understanding for healthy vs. abusive relationships. Please review the requirements below for further details. Please see the rubric that the judges will be using to score the artwork on the following page. First place prizes will be given out by category. **Students may only submit one piece in a single category.**

- Accepted mediums are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
 - Collages: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photographs
 - Videos
- The artwork must be:
 - original, has not been copied from an existing photo or image and was not created by someone other than the artist
 - submitted with a completed entry form securely applied to the back of the artwork.
 - Between the sizes of 9"x12" and 13"x19", 4 inches deep, and does not weigh more than 15 pounds.
 - **matted (Fearless! does not frame or mat artwork)**
 - does not use the title of the art contest in the artwork

Submission Deadline: Friday, February 4th, 2022 by 5:00pm

Artwork can be submitted in the following ways:

- Mail to: Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.
P.O. Box 649
Newburgh, NY 12550
- Drop off at: The Fearless! office on the 3rd floor of 280 Broadway, Newburgh, NY
between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- Arrange Pick Up: Bulk pickup may be arranged with prior approval from Fearless! staff.

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GUIDELINES

Visual art:

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 - Computer-generated art
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- The artwork must be:
 - original, has not been copied from an existing photo or image, and was not created by someone other than the artist
 - submitted with a completed entry form securely applied to the back of the artwork.
 - no larger than 28" inches high x 28" inches wide x 4 inches deep & does not weigh more than 15 pounds.
 - does not use the title of the contest in the artwork
 - Digital submissions can be scans or photographs

Written art:

- Accepted forms are:
 - Poetry (limited to one page)
 - Short stories or essays (word count must be 700-1,000 words)
 - Play script (word count must be 700-1,000 words)
- Other guidelines
 - Times New Roman, Size 12 font, Double spaced, 1" margins
 - Page number and last name in top right hand corner of every page
 - Cover sheet stapled on front
 - The written work is original, has not been copied from an existing published work and was not created by someone other than the artist.
 - Digital submissions must be .pdf format

Video Performance art:

- Accepted forms are:
 - Spoken word poetry (no more than 5 minutes)
 - Music/Songs (no more than 5 minutes)
 - Dance (no more than 5 minutes)
- Other guidelines
 - No use of profanity (including music choice)
 - Performative submission is original, has not been copied from an existing piece and was not created by someone other than the artist
 - Videos must be in .mp3, .mp4 or .mov format
 - Group submissions accepted, one prize awarded per group submission
 - Submission must begin with an opening credits including students name, and title of piece

The art contest judges will be using the following rubric:

PLEASE RATE EACH CATEGORY USING 1-4 AS DESCRIBED BELOW, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE in the score boxes

EXCEPTIONAL= 4

VERY GOOD= 3

GOOD= 2

SATISFACTORY = 1

CATEGORY	SCORE
THEME The artwork shows a clear understanding and awareness of teen dating violence and/or healthy relationships.	Yes = 4 No = 0
How does this piece portray an alternate perspective? Does it challenge society's current notions of teen dating violence, abusive relationships or gender stereotypes? Does it promote powerful representation of how healthy relationships contribute to change in our communities?	
CREATIVITY The artwork is a display of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinctive, individual style • Originality of idea • Inventive thinking 	
VISUAL IMPACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The piece is a unique organization of art elements and content that creates a striking and memorable work. Does this piece "wow" you? Does it have a lasting impact? • The piece will have the same visual impact when reproduced online, on screens, in black and white, and on brochures and other advertising materials. 	
VOICE The work reveals what the artist feels and/or their ideas on the topic. It projects mood, emotion, and energy.	
CRAFTSMANSHIP Does the artwork look complete and that the artist put time, thought, and energy into its creation?	
The label for the artwork includes: Name of artist: yes = +1 or no= 0 Title of the work: yes = +1 or no= 0 Mediums used: yes = +1 or no= 0 Name of the artist's school: yes = +1 or no= 0 Grade of the artist: yes = +1 or no= 0 A narrative of the artwork: yes = +1 or no= 0	
Choose one of these based on category: The visual art is titled, the written art has a cover page, the performance art has an opening credits and title	Yes = 2 No = 0
The piece does not use the title of the art contest in the actual artwork at all.	Yes = 3 No = 0

Total Score = _____

2022 Art Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Student Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Title of the Artwork: _____

Category and Medium/s used: _____

Short Narrative about the piece to include when it is on display:

I, (print student's name) _____, hereby grant permission to Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc. to reproduce and use the image in their publications, whether it be print publishing, electronic, or any form of media including advertising and related promotion throughout the world and in perpetuity. I further agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image, without compensation. All copies and reproductions shall be the property of Fearless!. If I want my artwork to be returned, I am responsible for contacting Fearless! to arrange for pickup, within 30 days of the conclusion of the Art Show. Fearless! cannot be held responsible for accidental damage to artwork.

Student Signature: _____ Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Print Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Please complete and submit with your submission, please attach securely to the back of any art submitted physically