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**Online voting opens in Nebraska Spirit Art Contest**

LINCOLN – The public is invited to vote online from May 12-23 to determine the winners in the 2008 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade submitted original artwork showcasing Nebraska. The contest is sponsored by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Nebraska.gov, the state's Web portal.

The online voting at <http://www.nebraska.gov/contest/> will involve five finalists from each grade.

One winner from each grade will have their work featured on a free downloadable screen saver for one year.

"Inspiring state pride and a deep respect for our state's history in our students have been a top priority for me as secretary of state," Gale said. "The Nebraska Spirit Art Contest helps us greatly in this effort."

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