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**Winners in Nebraska Spirit Art Contest announced**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced the six winners of the 2008 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest. The winners will have their artwork available to the world on a downloadable computer screen saver.

Gale announced the following students as winners in the contest: Carissa Hill of Imperial, kindergarten; Bradi Larabee of Valentine, first grade; Bailey Honn of McCook, second grade; Elisha Sheffy-Harris of Geneva, third grade; Madi Gilg of Cozad, fourth grade; and Benjamin Kiolbasa of Juniata, fifth grade.

Gale and [Nebraska.gov](http://Nebraska.gov), the state's Web portal, sponsored the contest for students to showcase their knowledge of Nebraska and its history.

The downloadable screen saver featuring the winning artwork will be available at [www.nebraska.gov/contest](http://www.nebraska.gov/contest).

On June 6, the winners and their families will be hosted to a day of activities in Lincoln, including a ceremony with Gov. Dave Heineman and Gale, a tour of the State Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and a visit to the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

The contest attracted about 2,300 entries. The winners were determined through online voting from May 12-23 that involved five finalists from each grade.

"We're delighted that the Nebraska Spirit Art Contest provides such a great opportunity to involve young students and promote our state," Gale said.

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