

Announcement of 2017 Volcano Art Prize Winners

By Wayne Askew, New York, USA, Volcano Art Prize Judge for 2017 VAP

I would like to thank Elizabeth O'Brien for the honor of being chosen as this year's Judge of the Volcano Art Prize. All of the entries received were wonderful; it is great to see so many talented people who are spreading the word on lead awareness! Thank you to all who participated.

The grand prize winners, Faris Sheridan and Hesaan Sheridan (film-makers for "Lead in paint and varnish: The hidden dangers") were selected as on the basis of having the best lead-safety message. They did a fantastic job in explaining that lead accumulates in the body by settling into bones and organs, and thus can continue to wreak havoc on the body long after blood lead levels have gone down.

Kudos to all the winners listed below, who were also selected on basis of lead message. Honestly, it was hard to select who to pick, as it is clear that everyone who participated cares about furthering the message of the hazards of lead.

Entries Highly Commended by the Judge



Artists: Elizabeth O'Brien (text, film & voice), Ian Smith (soundtrack), Poornima Murthy (editor)

Title: 1.2 million,

Lead-safety Message: The LEAD Group's target for 2018 is that 1.2 million people ask their doctor for a blood lead test and start to reduce their body burden of lead.

Materials: Video filmed on iPhone 4S. Voice improvisation composed by Ian Smith, recorded & edited using Ableton. Edited using Filmora by Wondershare.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgtTm1p-JDc>

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/1.2-million/>



Artist: Claire O' Brien

Title: LUCY GOOSEY

Lead Safety Message: DON'T BE A GOOSE AND LET LEAD LOOSE.

Description of Work: photo

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lucy-goosey/>



Artists: Olivia York (plate artwork) and Elizabeth O'Brien (photo)

Title: Lemon or lime zest - a grate addition to any plate!

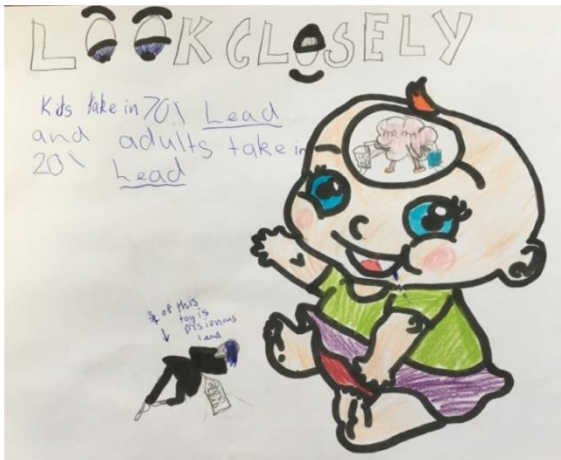
Lead-safety Message: Adding fresh citrus zest to hot meals and salads is a Mediterranean tradition which turns out to be a great way to detox lead from the body

Description: iPhone 4S photo of Cockatoo Eating Fairy Bread Plate from Lalaland Melamine Plate set "Australian Sweets" by artist Olivia

York.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lemon-or-lime-zest-a-grate-addition-to-any-plate/>

Winners of Pictureproducts mugs



Artist: Sophie Kilburn

Title: Look Closely

Lead-Safety Message: Kids take in 70% lead and adults take in 20%

Description of Work: Drawing

Age: 9 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/look-closely/>



Artist: Grace King Matchett

Title: Pb-free person.

Lead-Safety Message: Keep People Pb Free

Description of Work: Drawing with mixed media

Age: 9 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/pb-free-person/>



Artist: Harrison Desmond

Title: Poisoned Pond.

Lead-safety Message: This beautiful water in a volcanic crater in Iceland is likely full of lead and other heavy metals which reign down when volcanoes erupt.

Description: iPhone photo

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/poisoned-pond/>



Artist: Emily Carpenter

Title: Trapped.

Lead-safety Message: This water geyser exploding in Iceland fills the air with mineral-laden water, hopefully not too

Entry Description: iPhone photo

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/trapped/>



Artist: Cherry Qin

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Kid eating apples

Lead-Safety Message: A healthy apple a day keeps the lead away as it contains lots of pectin.

Description of Work: Colour pencil

Age: 12 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/Kid eating apples/>



Artist: June He

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Couple in love

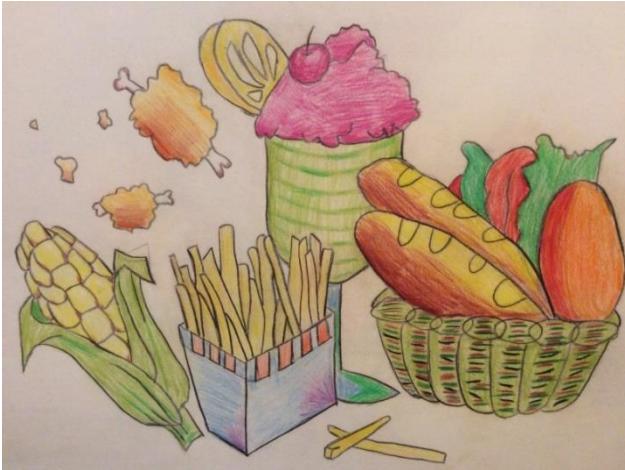
Lead-Safety Message: To live a long life with your loved one, be lead free

Description of Work: Colour pencil

Age: 12 years.

[http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/Couple%20in%20love/)

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Artist: Mark Ju

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Fast Food

Lead-Safety Message: Watch out what you consume. Aim at lead free, healthy diet.

Description of Work: Colour pencil

Age: 11 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/Fast>

[food/](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/Fast)



Artist: Li-Ke Shi

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Boat in a lake

Lead-Safety Message: Try not to add lead to water while fishing

Description of Work: Oil pastels on acid free paper

Age: 10 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/boat-in-a-lake/>



Artist: Alice Ju

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Red eyed tree frog

Lead-Safety Message: Lead affects even the smallest of creatures.

Description of Work: Painting

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/red-eyed-tree-frog/>



Artist: Dylan Andrew Hsieh

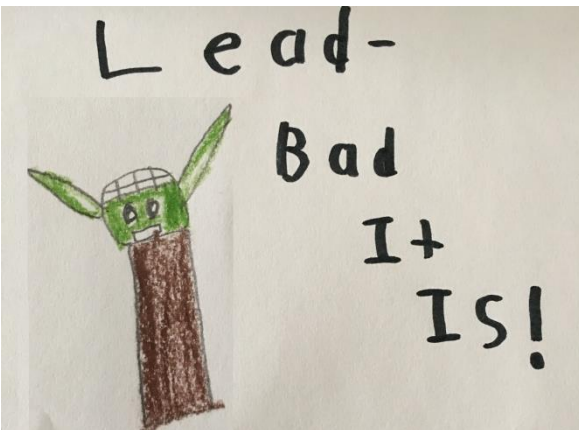
Title: Keep our world safe.

Lead-Safety Message: Please keep our world safe and lead-free

Description of Work: Crayons on paper

Age: 4 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/keep-our-world-safe/>



Artist: Kayson Parker

Title: Yoda Wisdom

Lead-Safety Message: Lead, bad it is!

Description of Work: Drawing with mixed media

Age: 9 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/yoda-wisdom/>

WE TESTED 31
FIDGET SPINNERS FOR LEAD (PB)...

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Artist: Tamara Rubin

Title: Testing Fidget Spinners For Lead

Lead Safety Message: No level of lead is safe in a child's toy.

Description of Work: 90 Second Video of 31 Fidget Lead Test Results.

Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/225702053>

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/testing-fidget-spinners-for-lead/>



Artist: Violet Winters

Title: Cycle of Life

Lead Safety Message: Our children deserve a clean world.

Description of Work: photo new born child

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/cycle-of-life/>



Artist: Ritishaa Sreedhar

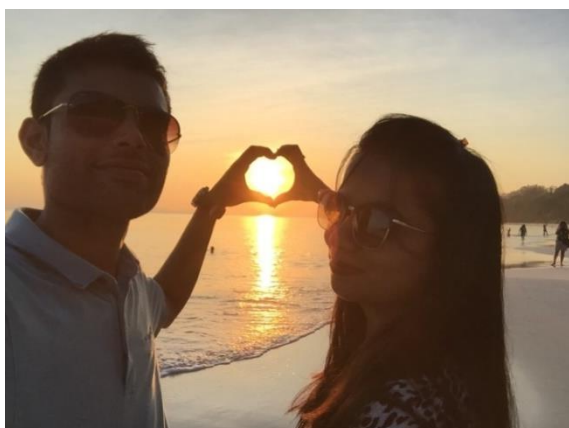
Title: Outback

Lead Safety Message: Keep the outback lead free by not using leaded gun shot.

Materials: lead-free "lead pencil", oil pastel and textas.

Age: 11 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/outback/>



Artist: Ankit Patel

Title: Love is in the lead safe world

Lead Safety Message: Love is in the lead safe world

Description of Work: Photograph

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/love-is-in-the-lead-safe-world/>



Artist: Cecile Chen

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Cookie

Lead Safety Message: Lead is the sweetest of poisons like Cookies

Description of Work: Non-leaded pencil colour

Age: 10 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/cookie/>



Artist: Sophea Wang

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Uluru

Lead Safety Message: Visit the heart of Australia but without poisoning it with lead.

Description of Work: Crayons on paper

Age: 6 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/uluru/>



Artist: Scarlett Tran

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

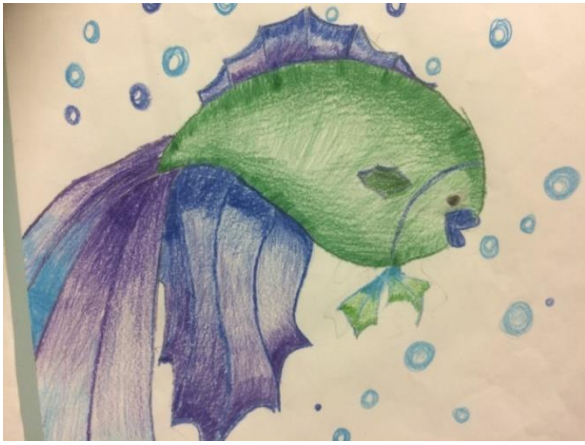
Title: Lead free Landscape

Lead Safety Message: We must save our landscapes from lead poisoning.

Description of Work: Crayons on paper

Age: 9 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lead-free-landscape/>



Artist: Brandon Banh

School Name: Creative Einstein Education

Title: Aquatic Life

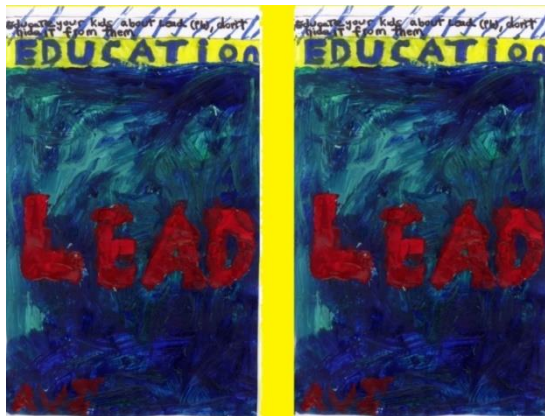
Lead Safety Message: Lead contamination can harm aquatic life. We must protect the aquatic species.

Description of Work: Crayons on paper

Age: 10 years.

[http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/aquatic-](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/aquatic-life/)

[life/](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/aquatic-life/)



Artist: Avi Rubin

Title: Educate Your Kids About Lead

Lead Safety Message: Educate your kids about lead (Pb), don't hide it from them.

Description of Work: Acrylic on Paper, cover design for a book.

Age: 12 years.

[http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/educate-](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/educate-your-kids-about-lead/)

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Artist: Kai D W Kehoe

Toxic Pots and Pans, Utensils and Windows

Lead Safety Message: For a better idea of lead sources, test home items with an XRF.

Description of Work: Drawing on paper with beeswax crayons

Age: 6.5 years.

[http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/toxic-](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/toxic-pots-and-pans-utensils-and-windows/)

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Artist: A.J. Rubin

Title: Unless Lead Safety Message: Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." - Dr. Seuss

Description of Work: Charcoal on Paper.

Age: 14 years.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/unless/>



Artist: Demonstration and Video editing -Malveek Kaur Dhaliwal, Recording - Poornima Murthy

Title: The LEAD Group Kit's Dust Wipe in action!

Lead Safety Message: The LEAD Group Report will tell me if my floor is safe from lead for children and pets.

Description of Work: HTC 1X9 and Filmora Video.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/the-lead-group-kits-dust-wipe-in-action/>



Artist: Kim Cole, Korey Nicolas

Title: Massachusetts Legislature Bill SD.751

Lead safety Message: An Act creating a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning

Description of Work: Computer generated description "No Lead Symbol with description of Bill SD.751

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/massachusetts-legislature-bill-sd-751/>



Photographer: Peter Kozaitis

Title: Elizabeth O'Brien at work in The LEAD Group's office

Lead-safety Message: Use a LEAD Group Water Kit to test for lead in water before you drink rainwater or water from new taps or new plumbing or your new home.

Description of Work: Photograph

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/elizabeth-obrien-at-work-in-the-lead-groups-office/>



Artist / Photographer: Isla MacGregor

Title: Peeling lead paint polluting patios and potato patches

Lead-safety Message: Use a LEAD Group Kit to test for lead in peeling paint, dust, water and soil before you plant your potatoes or let your children play on the patio.

Materials: Photograph

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/peeling-lead-paint-polluting-patios-and-potato-patches>



Artist / Photographer: Geoff Walker

Title: Lead Soldered Yorkshire Fittings

Lead-safety Message: Lemon Tree Passage Plumber Geoff Davey inspecting lead soldered 'Yorkshire' fittings at the local library March 2017.

Yorkshire Fittings.jpg

Materials: Photograph

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lead-soldered-yorkshire-fittings/>

Judge-Awarded cash prize winner of VAP 2017



Artists: Faris Sheridan, Hesaan Sheridan (Film-makers)

Title: Lead in paint and varnish. The hidden dangers.

Lead-Safety Message: Before the dangers of lead were known, it was a common ingredient in house

paint and varnish, where it acted as a pigment and increased durability and a drying agent. Millions of homes, schools and businesses still have lead based paint on their walls, both inside and out. If the paint is in good condition and has been painted over, it usually doesn't pose a problem. But if the paint is peeling or has been disturbed by scraping, sanding, or burning, it can pose significant health risks to people and pets, especially young children.

Description: Film & Animation; schools, and businesses still have lead based paint on their walls, both inside and out. If the paint is in good condition and has been painted over, it usually doesn't pose a problem. But if the paint is peeling or has been disturbed by scraping, sanding, or burning, it can pose significant health risks to people and pets, especially young children.

<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lead-group-video/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgzVvimN5Bw&feature=youtu.be>

People's Choice cash prize winner of VAP 2017

While the above 30 artists were chosen the judge to receive a mug from our sponsor Pictureproducts, the People's Choice cash prize winner was chosen by facebook likes.



Our People's Choice winner this year is Poornima Murthy.



Artist: Poornima Murthy

Title: Champagne Beach, Vanuatu

Lead-safety Message: To preserve nature's pristine beaches and the colourful fishes, don't discard leaded items into the ocean. Being lead free adds years to one's life.

Description of Work: Photograph shot using a HTC One X9 phone.

URL: <http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/champagne-beach-vanuatu/>

Facebook likes: 119