



We tend to think art is a luxury, but it gives people deep pleasure because beauty is the personification of hope that something grander is at work.”

~ *[Gil Dellinger](#), painter*

Now, more than ever, we all could benefit from a little hope and the joy found in creating and celebrating artistic expression. This challenging set of circumstances has presented a unique opportunity for us to get creative and think outside the box as we move forward with the **2020 Congressional Art Competition in the Virginia 10th Congressional District**. This year we will be focusing more on celebrating resiliency of the creative process and less on the competitive aspects of the finished product.

In the past, George Washington University has graciously hosted our exhibit in Enterprise Hall on the Ashburn Campus. Due to the school closings, we have adjusted course and Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton invites you to submit your work to a Virtual Online Gallery so we can celebrate the talent, creativity, and resiliency of our student artists. Visit wexton.house.gov to view our virtual art exhibit.

Students are invited to submit one overall digital image of their artwork, along with two optional “detail images” that highlight a specific detail or different angle of the piece allowing for a more complex view of the work. Images can be submitted by emailed to Wexton.ArtCompetition.2020@gmail.com. We will not need to adhere to the earlier framing guidelines for the virtual gallery, but the “Judges’ Favorite” piece selected to represent the VA 10th District in D.C. will be required to meet the previously established framing guidelines.

We look forward to seeing entries in the usual categories displayed in the past, such as painting, photography, drawing, mixed media, computer-generated images, etc. Do not allow the challenge of not having access to familiar art supplies or that specific piece you were working on at your school studio to be a limiting factor. We invite you to embrace this opportunity to view the world around you and consider the everyday materials in your home environment and nature to be a source of inspiration and an invitation for exploration.

Important Changes

Submission Due Date: Friday, May 29th

Virtual Gallery Opening on Wexton Website: Week of June 1st

VA 10th District Virtual Awards Ceremony Time & Date: TBD

VA 10th District Virtual Awards Ceremony Location: Facebook Live. Congresswoman Wexton will announce “Judges’ Favorite” and honorable mentions in each category. We will hear from our panel of judges and a local artist.

Digital Artwork Submission Method: Email images to Wexton.ArtCompetition.2020@gmail.com. Individual arrangements will be made for the collection of the piece that will represent VA-10 District in Washington, D.C. by June 15th

Online Application still required: No art teacher signature required. Application found [here](#).

Framing Requirements: Not needed for virtual gallery submission. Original framing requirements stand for the “Judges’ Favorite” piece submitted to D.C.

Congressional Art Competition Reception in Washington D.C. for Judges’ Favorite: July 22, 2020