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Cincinnati Nature Center Chooses Winner of Artwork Competition

Cincinnati Nature Center is proud to announce Molly Wimmel as the winner of its 2009 student art contest. Wimmel, a senior at Mother of Mercy High School, submitted an oil painting titled "Village Stream," which will be used to promote CNC's spring fundraising gala, Back to Nature: Life is but a Stream.

Molly's painting will be used as the cover art for invitations and other promotional materials for the annual event, which takes place on April 24 at 6 p.m. at CNC's Krippendorf Lodge.

Molly, her parents and her art teacher, Joan McGuire, are invited to attend Back to Nature as guests. Molly's artwork will be up for sale during the silent auction portion of the evening. Also in attendance at the event will be notable local artists including Masterworks for Nature artists De Vere Burt and John Ruthven. Several artists will complete artwork at Back to Nature during the "Quick Finish" live auction.

Second place went to Amanda Philpot, also a senior at Mother of Mercy High School, for her untitled acrylic painting of a stream.

This lively fundraising event consists of dinner and cocktails, silent and live auctions and raffles. Beautiful artwork depicting nature and wildlife scenes and donated prizes are sold during the silent auction.

All proceeds from the fundraising event go toward operation of Cincinnati Nature Center environmental education programs. Last year, the event raised nearly \$100,000. Ticket prices start at \$125 per person. For more information or to donate an item for auction, call Kristi Masterson at (513) 831-1711 ext. 124. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

Cincinnati Nature Center is a non-profit, environmental education organization. Their mission is to inspire passion for nature and promote environmentally responsible choices through experience, education and stewardship to ensure a sustainable future.

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