

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!

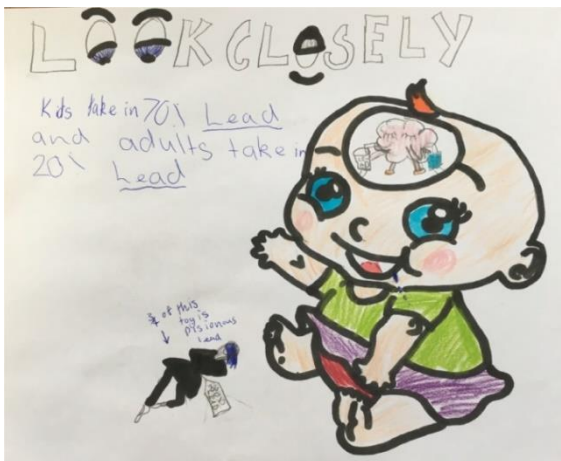
Lead-safety Message: Adding fresh citrus zest to hot meals and salads is a Mediterranean tradition which turns out to be a great way to detox lead from the body

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-](http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lemon-or-lime-zest-a-grate-addition-to-any-plate/)

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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.

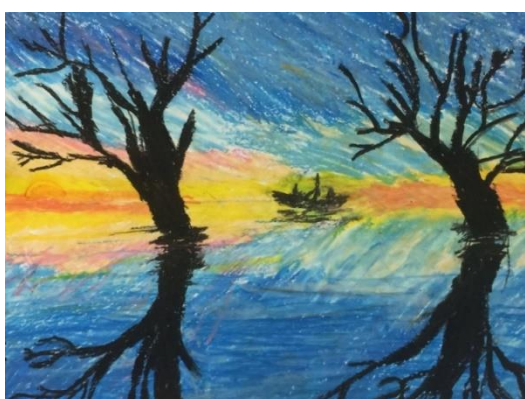
<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/Kid eating apples/>



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



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%20food/)



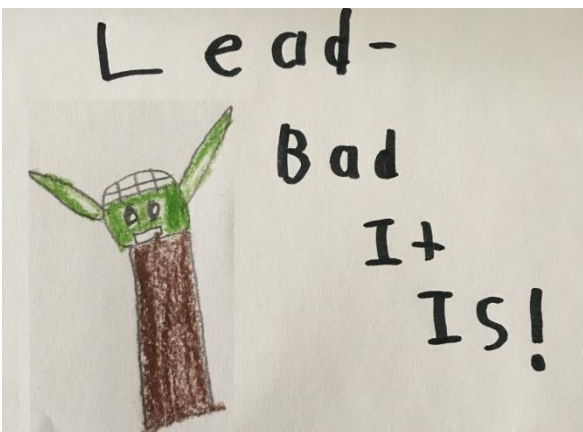
Artist: Li-Ke Shi
 School Name: Creative Einstein Education
 Title: Boat in a lake
 Lead-Safety Message: Try not to add lead to water while fishing
 Description of Work: Oil pastels on acid free paper
 Age: 10 years.
<http://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/boat-in-a-lake/>



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/>



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

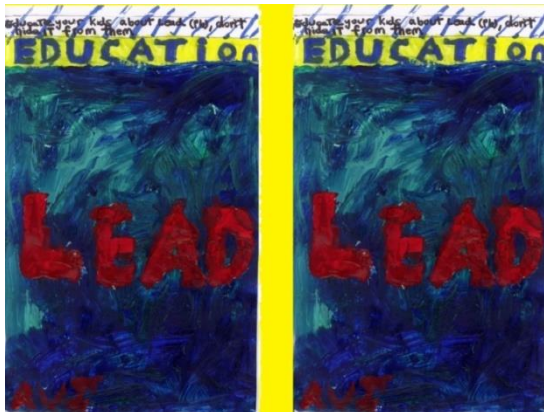
Title: Aquatic Life

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-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-your-kids-about-lead/>



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-pots-and-pans-utensils-and-windows/>



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/>

Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning within the Commonwealth to develop recommendations on actions to prevent such lead poisoning in the future including, but not limited to legislative recommendations and administrative recommendations.

The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of health and human services, or their designee; three members to be appointed by the governor, which shall include: the commissioner of the department of public health, the commissioner of the department of public utilities, and one member of the general citizenry impacted by lead poisoning; two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader; and two members of the Senate, one of whom to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader. It is provided, however, that the first meeting of the commission shall take place not later than December 1, 2017.

Topics of research shall include, but not be limited to, the commonwealth's compliance with the United States environmental protection agency's renovation, repair, and painting program rules and the lead and copper rule; the efficiency of real estate surveys determining the presence of lead paint; emergency and lead-response actions taken upon the notification of a child who has attained high levels of lead in the blood; and prevention of the spread of lead contamination throughout school systems.

The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation to the clerks of the House of Representatives, and the Senate, the chairs of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than December 1, 2017.

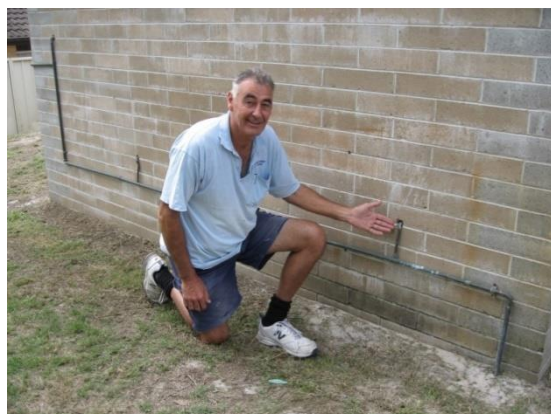
Artist: Kim Cole, Korey Nicolas
 Title: Massachusetts Legislature Bill SD.751
 Lead safety Message: An Act creating a special commission to study the prevalence and prevention of child lead poisoning
 Description of Work: Computer generated description "No Lead Symbol with description of Bill SD.751
<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.

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<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