



## **Burchfield K through 8 Student Poster Contest Winners**

Awards were given to nine of 165 students, from twenty-one schools in Western New York, who submitted a colorful array of posters to encourage saving pollinators. Cash prizes were given in three divisions; K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> and grades 6 through 8. The posters focused on saving bees and butterflies.

The judges; a bee specialist, Erin Masterson Holko from Masterson's Garden Center in East Aurora, a garden expert Kristy Schmitt from the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and butterfly specialist David O'Donnell from the Eastern Monarch Farm in Clarence had the difficult job of determining winners! Awards were based on effectiveness, clarity and creativity.

All participating students received a certificate of appreciation for their contributions toward increasing awareness of the importance of pollinators to our food supply, our environment, and our economy. Photos of some entries may be published at a future date to continue to emphasize the importance of saving pollinators.

Awards in the K through Grade 2 division are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Natalie O'Brien Edison Elementary Tonawanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Cassidy Smith from Queen of Heaven, 1st Grade
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Parker McCrea from Marilla Primary, Kindergarten

Awards in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade division are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Andrew Wichman from St. John Vianney, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Nella Darell-Sterback from Fredonia Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Meredith Roberts from Spruce Elementary North Tonawanda, Grade 4

Awards in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade division are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Trulyn from Iroquois Middle School Elma. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Owen Weiner from West Middle School. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Owyn Darell- Sterbak from Fredonia Middle School

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