

**The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program**, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, is pleased to announce the 21st annual “Preserve Our Past” Historic Preservation Art and Essay Invitational. The contest is in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month and Arkansas Heritage Month, which are both in the month of May.

The 2012 Heritage Month theme is **Dreams and Determination: Arkansans at Work**

The purpose of this invitational is to teach students about local and state history, and to foster an interest in preserving historic places so that future generations can enjoy and learn from them.

Fifth- and Seventh- graders can enter artwork or essays based on any Arkansas property that is at least 50 years old, focusing on how these places reflect Arkansas history or why it is important to preserve the state’s historic places.

A property does not have to be on the National Register of Historic Places to be used as a topic. You may obtain a list of National Register properties in your community from our website at [www.arkansaspreservation.org](http://www.arkansaspreservation.org). Go to the Historic Properties page, then select Arkansas properties to search our database by county or town.

To view all 2011 winning entries, visit the AHPP Youth Education page at [www.arkansaspreservation.org](http://www.arkansaspreservation.org), select Preservation Services, then Education.

**For project ideas, students may consider these suggestions:**

- \* Interview senior citizens about the historic places and buildings that were important to them in the past.
- \* Imagine what it would have been like to live in Arkansas during a different time period, such as the Civil War, the Great Depression, or before European settlement. Choose a historic site that relates to that time period.
- \* Choose a site in Arkansas that relates to the 2012 Heritage Month theme: **Dreams and Determination: Arkansans at Work.**
- \* Research historic properties in their own neighborhood, community, or county using the AHPP website [www.arkansaspreservation.org](http://www.arkansaspreservation.org).

**Historic Properties Include:**

- Archeological Sites
- Barns & Agricultural Buildings
- Battlefields
- Cemeteries
- Churches
- Government Buildings
- Houses and Log Cabins
- Business & Recreational Buildings
- Parks & Landscape Architecture
- Schools
- Sculpture & Statues
- Depots, Train Bridges & Trains
- Automobile Bridges
- Highway Segments
- Advertising & Business Signs

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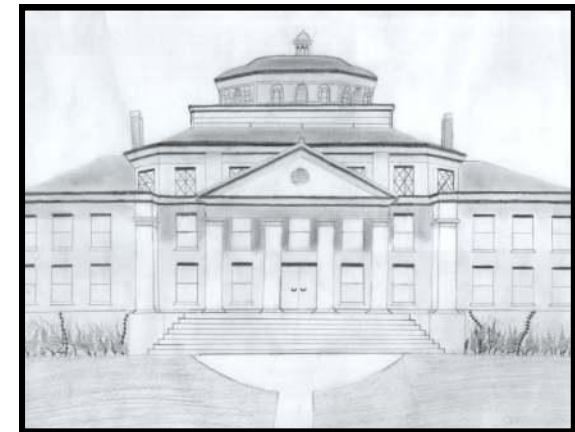
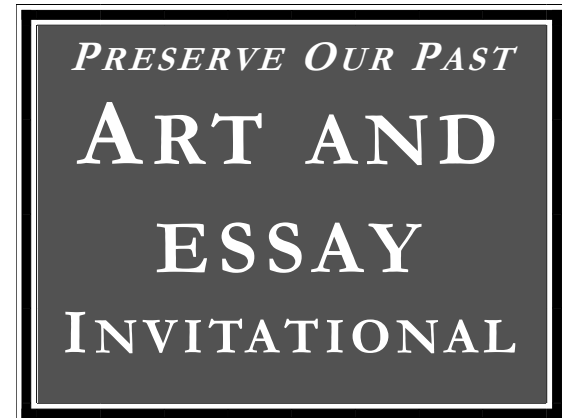


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**1st Place 5th Grade Winner, 2011**  
*The Old Mill, North Little Rock, 1933*  
Victoria Le, Lakeside Middle School, Hot Springs



**1st Place 7th Grade Winner, 2011**  
*Nevada County Courthouse, Prescott, c. 1930-1963*  
Sadie Backus, McRae Middle School, Prescott

## Invitational Information

### ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS

All 5th grade and 7th grade students in Arkansas

### PRIZES

First, second, and third place winners in both categories receive a trophy. Honorable mentions receive a ribbon. All students who enter receive a certificate.

First, second, and third place winning art, in both grade brackets, are professionally framed for the students.

### DISPLAY

Winning art and essays are displayed at the Old State House Museum in May 2012 in celebration of Arkansas Heritage Month.

### ENTRY

Please complete one entry form per teacher and send it with art and/or essays. The envelope must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

### RETURN

Art and essays will be returned to the school by the end of the school year. Winning entries and trophies will be mailed to students' homes in June.

### Preserve Our Past Sponsors

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### RULES FOR ART ENTRIES

Each work of art **MUST** be on a sheet of 11"x14" white paper. No framed works, works on canvas, or works on other size paper will be accepted.

Media such as pen and ink, watercolor, and pastel are accepted; however, **oil paint is not accepted.**

Artwork must illustrate a historic property or site that is 50 years or older and is located in Arkansas.

Students may portray a site as it might have looked at another time in history. Artwork will be judged on originality and craftsmanship.

**All artwork must be clearly labeled on the back with the following information (please print):**

1. Student Name, Home Address & Phone
2. Sponsoring Teacher Name & School
3. Property Name, Approx. Age & Location

**2nd Place  
5th Grade, 2011**  
Greene County Courthouse  
Paragould, 1888  
Zach Rollins  
Greene County Tech  
Elementary, Paragould



### RULES FOR ESSAY ENTRIES

Essays should be 500 words or less and typed or neatly written in ink. **No pencil entries are accepted.**

Essays should focus on a historic property or site that is 50 years or older and is located in Arkansas.

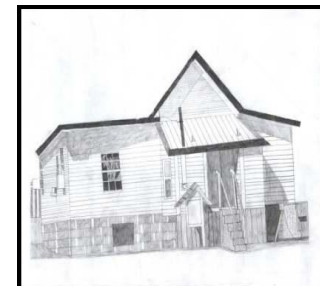
Students may describe the current condition of a historic property and its value to the community, or they may research and write about the history of the site.

Students may write about what life may have been like at that place during another time period. Students may use first-person narrative, letter, or diary format.

Essays will be judged on originality, grammar, spelling, level of research, and clarity of description of the historic property.

**The essay must include:**

1. Student Name, Home Address & Phone
2. Sponsoring Teacher Name & School
3. Property Name, Approx. Age & Location



**2nd Place  
7th Grade, 2011**  
Old Enterprise  
Church, Bono  
c. early 1900s  
Tanner Nolen  
Westside Middle  
School, Jonesboro

### Send Entry Form to:

AHPP Preserve Our Past Invitational  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
323 Center Street  
1500 Tower Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
For more information, contact  
Amanda Sobel Driver at 501-324-9786  
or amandad@arkansasheritage.org

### ENTRY FORM

**Postmarked Deadline April 4, 2012**

*Form must be submitted with artwork and essays.*

Teacher's Name:

Grade:

School's Name and Address:

County:

School's Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Planning Period (time):

E-mail Address:

Number of Entries:

Last Day of School:

Comments: