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Dear Art Teacher,

The 2009 Frederic Remington Arts Festival will commence on Friday, September 25th, and as in years past, we are again sponsoring the Student Art Competition as part of this year's events. We hope you and your middle and high-school art students will participate in the Festival's **"In the Footsteps of Frederic Remington"** competition on Saturday, September 26.

The theme for the 2009 student art competition is *"Remington and his Media"*. Frederic Remington, a native son of Canton whose work is symbolic of the American West, was comfortable working in various media, including bronze, paints, and simple sketches. His art work and his reflections on his completed pieces demonstrate a keen mind and a complex understanding of the intricate balance between man and his surroundings. This image of Remington "Painting in the West," provided by the Frederic Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, offers a glimpse of the artist working in his natural studio.



Your art students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to submit artwork that *demonstrates their powers of observation and artistic interpretation*. Please enter approximately five (5) pieces that best represent the work of your students. All flat work and small sculptures are acceptable. A panel of independent artists will judge the entries received. Prizes will be awarded for superior work and all participants will receive a certificate of participation. Attached is a list of guidelines, with details about deadlines, submission requirements, drop-off and pick-up times, etc. ***Please complete the tear off form and return it to our office - or email the information - so we will know we can expect entries from your school/students.***

Entries in this year's art competition will be displayed at the Canton Free Library prior to the awards reception, to be held on Saturday, September 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the library. Artwork will remain on display through the month of October and will be featured on our web site.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office (60 Main Street, Canton 13617; 386-2871, Ext. 5; developer@cantonnewyork.us). Please share this information and invitation with any colleagues, whether middle, high school, or private art teachers. We look forward to a good number of entries.

We hope to see you and the work of your students at the award reception on September 26th.

Very truly yours,

Linda McQuinn, M.S., Festival Co-Chair
Student Art Competition Coordinator