

# HEALTHY FORESTS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Yamileth Ocampo -7th grade, Conway

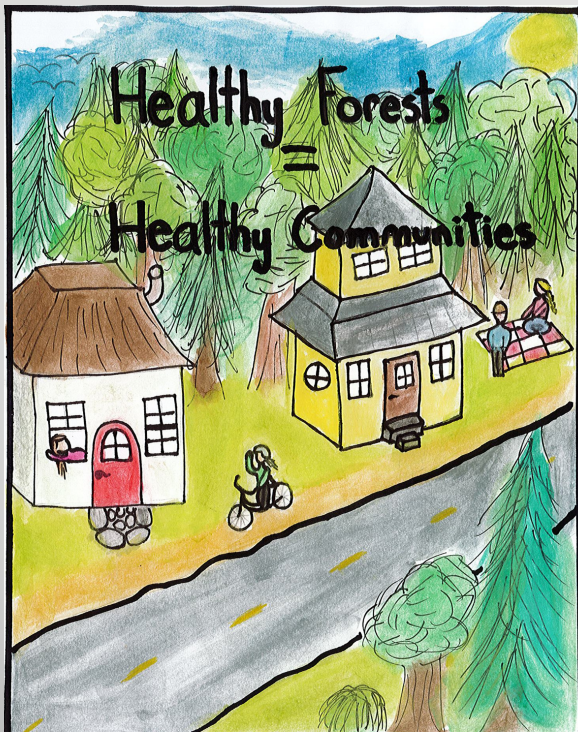
## 2021 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Soil and Water Stewardship Week was celebrated April 25 - May 2, 2021 with the theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities"

"Trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they absorb carbon from the atmosphere, stabilize the soil, filter water, provide healthy habitat for wildlife and offer many additional benefits - for nature, people and biodiversity. Not only is it necessary to protect existing trees and plant new ones, but it's also important to advocate and educate about trees and forest conservation within your community."

The poster contest was open to Skagit County students, kindergarten through twelfth grades. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, only 39 posters were submitted; however, this almost doubled last year's contest when schools were abruptly closed before the contest deadline.

**ARTIST: ARYA YOUNGREN  
GRADE 6 -LAVENTURE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



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The overall winner was awarded a \$50 Tri-Dee Arts gift card, a plaque and professional framing of her poster.

The runner-up winner was awarded a \$25 Tri-Dee Arts gift card and a plaque.

### RUNNER-UP WINNER



**ARTIST: RYLEE CATES  
GRADE 6 -HOME SCHOOL**

# Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities

Charlotte Sebens  
Grade K, Summersun Montessori



We'd like to thank our poster contest judges this year from the Northwest Region  
Department of Natural Resources

### Judges:

- Kristy Arroyave, Dispatch Lead
- Janell Brown, Acting Dispatch Supervisor
- Brandie Bruch, Fiscal Tech Lead
- Cortney Colman, NW Timber sales/Silviculture Tech
- Jennifer Nieshe, Reception
- Andra Nordin, Aquatics Land Technician
- Yvette Novarro, Asst. to Region Manager
- Betsy Sauther, IT Coordinator (also an artist!)
- Ava Schmidt, N/R Tech

### Category Winners:

- K - 1 Grade: Charlotte Sebens, Grade K - Summersun Montessori
- 2 - 3 Grade: Paola Santiago-Garcia, Grade 3 - Centennial Elementary
- 4 - 6 Grade: Rylee Cates, Grade 6 - Homeschool
- 7 - 9 Grade: Yamileth Ocampo, Grade 7 - Conway Elementary
- 10 - 12 Grade: No Entries

All grade winners received a National Geographic "Trees and Shrubs of North America" pocket guide, a certificate and activity book with bookmark.

