



Student Art Competition

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County
is pleased to announce the
6th Annual Student Art Competition
for Grades K-12**

Submissions will be judged by a professional artist and winning artwork will be featured in the
2027 CCE Nassau Annual Gardening Calendar

This year we are excited to feature the beauty of Cornell Cooperative Extension's East Meadow Farm. We invite students to interpret a photograph taken at East Meadow Farm (see pages 3-5) via their own artistic style - which is sure to transform the photograph into many unique interpretations of the original scene! Whether it be realism, impressionism, abstract or pop.... let the student's imagination soar!

The chosen submissions of East Meadow Farm will be featured on the cover and also throughout the calendar, along with the other suggested subjects below.

Want an up close and personal artistic experience? Visit East Meadow Farm which is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.... painters invited!!

Suggested subjects for artwork are:

- Flowers, vegetables, trees, bushes, gardens or nature scenes that are found on Long Island
- Animals, birds and insects (i.e, bees, butterflies) whose habitats are found on Long Island
- Garden tools, seed packets, garden accents (i.e., fountains, statuary, chimes, etc)
- A garden or nature scene in one of the four seasons.

If interpreting a photo of East Meadow Farm, please note those photos can also be viewed on our website at ccenassau.org/artcompetition

RULES

1. No photography or digital art please. See attachment for details on medium.
2. Up to **2** submissions per student.
3. **Submissions are due by June 5, 2026** and should be emailed to:
ArtSubmission4H@cornell.edu (Acceptable file types are jpg, gif or pdf)
4. Students must include their name, current grade, address, phone number, school / district and parent email on the submission form.
5. By submitting artwork, the artist consents to CCE Nassau using artwork in additional print or online materials.

Any questions, email ArtSubmission4H@cornell.edu



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Additional details for submission:

Works in color are preferred as they will result to a more vibrant and eye-catching calendar. (If the work is not in color, charcoal and chalk are better options than graphite as they create more contrast).

Any traditional medium is allowed (i.e., oil pastel, chalk pastel, acrylic, tempera, oil paint, watercolor, gouache, printmaking, collage, colored pencil, crayon, and ink.)

When photographing artwork keep the camera lens parallel to the picture plane and be sure to have even lighting without shadows casted on to the surface. It is best done by placing works on an easel or on the wall. Please be sure to center the artwork in the shot and that it fills the frame.

Sample works that were used in previous calendars



Sample Pages from 2025 calendar



MARCH
This month's feature is **Edible Garden** in the Vegetable Trial Garden.

The Vegetable Variety Trial Garden is a Cornell action research program in which different varieties across New York State grow the same varieties and submit ratings on several criteria, including yield, reliability and taste. The objective is to test and determine variety of vegetables throughout different regions each season.

The purpose is to see how these varieties grow in various conditions and to demonstrate some recommended cultural practices, such as growing and biology under a new cover. The ratings are then used to update the "Selected List of Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners in New York State" on the webpage <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/vegetable-trial-garden>. There is a new theme each year. Please visit the Trial Garden and learn which varieties are being tested and how they are being used in the region.

Are you checking your home? Toss the bad advice, and read an update in 100 hours. Visit an extension to learn more. To learn more about the trial garden, visit <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/vegetable-trial-garden>.

Regan Davis, Drake A. Whelan, High School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Apply compost or organic fertilizer to spring flowering plants and water thoroughly.	2. When planting, it is sometimes good to fill the bottom half of the pot with perlite so that the bottom and the soil half can drain.	3. This was the plant that had the best taste in the trial garden.	4. When planting, it is sometimes good to fill the bottom half of the pot with perlite so that the bottom and the soil half can drain.	5. When planting, it is sometimes good to fill the bottom half of the pot with perlite so that the bottom and the soil half can drain.	6. When planting, it is sometimes good to fill the bottom half of the pot with perlite so that the bottom and the soil half can drain.	7. When planting, it is sometimes good to fill the bottom half of the pot with perlite so that the bottom and the soil half can drain.

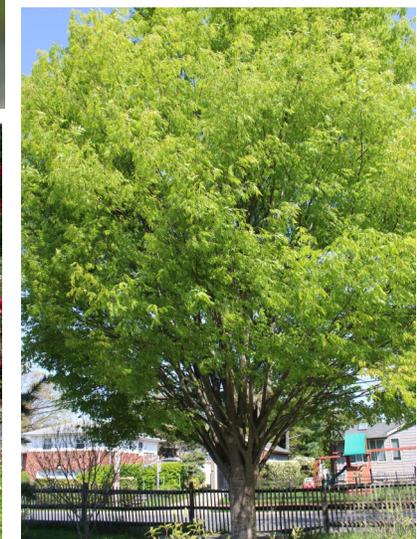
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