

Valley Folks & Focus

Mountain Garden Club presents Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Certificates

The Mountain Garden Club (MGC) Youth Group committee again participated in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl 2011 National Poster Contest. It is open to first through fifth grade students across the country. The purpose is to demonstrate, through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl, their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles. The posters must be based upon and include Smokey's fire prevention message - "Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!" and Woodsy's conservation message - "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"

Gerrie Beck, MGC Vice President along with art teacher June McLeavey worked with the second grade Josiah Bartlett Elementary School (JBES) students. Each of the 22 students drew a poster that encourages chil-

dren to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources. On March 7, there was an awards ceremony at JBES. MGC members Gerrie Beck and DD Warren presented certificates to Shannon Derby, Lily Barber and Jade Grant for their posters that most closely exemplified the messages of Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl. The three posters were sent to the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs judging panel. Shannon Derby's poster was chosen as one of five out of 40 statewide posters entered to be sent on to National Garden Clubs, Inc. for final judging. A national first place winner from each grade level will be announced in May at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Washington, D.C.

For more information regarding the club, its programs and activities visit www.mountaingardenclub.org



(Courtesy Photo)
Josiah Bartlett Elementary second grade students showing the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters that they drew as part of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. contest to promote understanding of fire prevention and conservation.