



Bernards Township Environmental Commission



Environmental Commission Organic Lawn Care Poster Contest Awards Ceremony – 6/13/11



Pictured, front row, left to right: Chinmayi Kapur (Liberty Corner School), Allyson Lambie (Oak St. School), Amanda Wang (Mount Prospect School), Yuen Wang (Cedar Hill School), Joe Speeney (Environmental Commission Chairperson); back row, left to right: Carolyn Gaziano (Township Committeeperson), Joanne Hozeny (Mount Prospect School Assistant Principal), Sloan Scully (Cedar Hill School Assistant Principal).

Bernards Township has taken a leadership position in caring for its municipal and school lawns, parks, and sports fields without the use of lawn care pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. To help spread the word and encourage home owners to participate on their own property, the Environmental Commission held an Organic Lawn Care Poster Contest.

On Monday, June 13, 2011, an awards ceremony was held at the front of town hall for the four overall grammar school winners of the contest. The Environmental Commission partnered with the Bernards Township School District in offering the contest to the District's 5th graders. The School District's Science

Curriculum Advisor, Mr. Brian Heineman, constructed a comprehensive ecosystems learning module covering the hazards of lawn care pesticide pollution coupled with content on the prevention of such hazards through organic lawn care. 425 students took part in the poster contest, with each 5th grade classroom having a classroom winner and each school having an overall winner. All students received

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certificates memorializing their participation as well as Pesticide Free Zone stickers. The four school winners are shown above, and each received a Pesticide Free Zone t-shirt. The stickers and shirts were donated by PesticideFreeZone.org., and consulting services were donated by Safelawns.org.

Here is a closer look at the four overall winning posters:

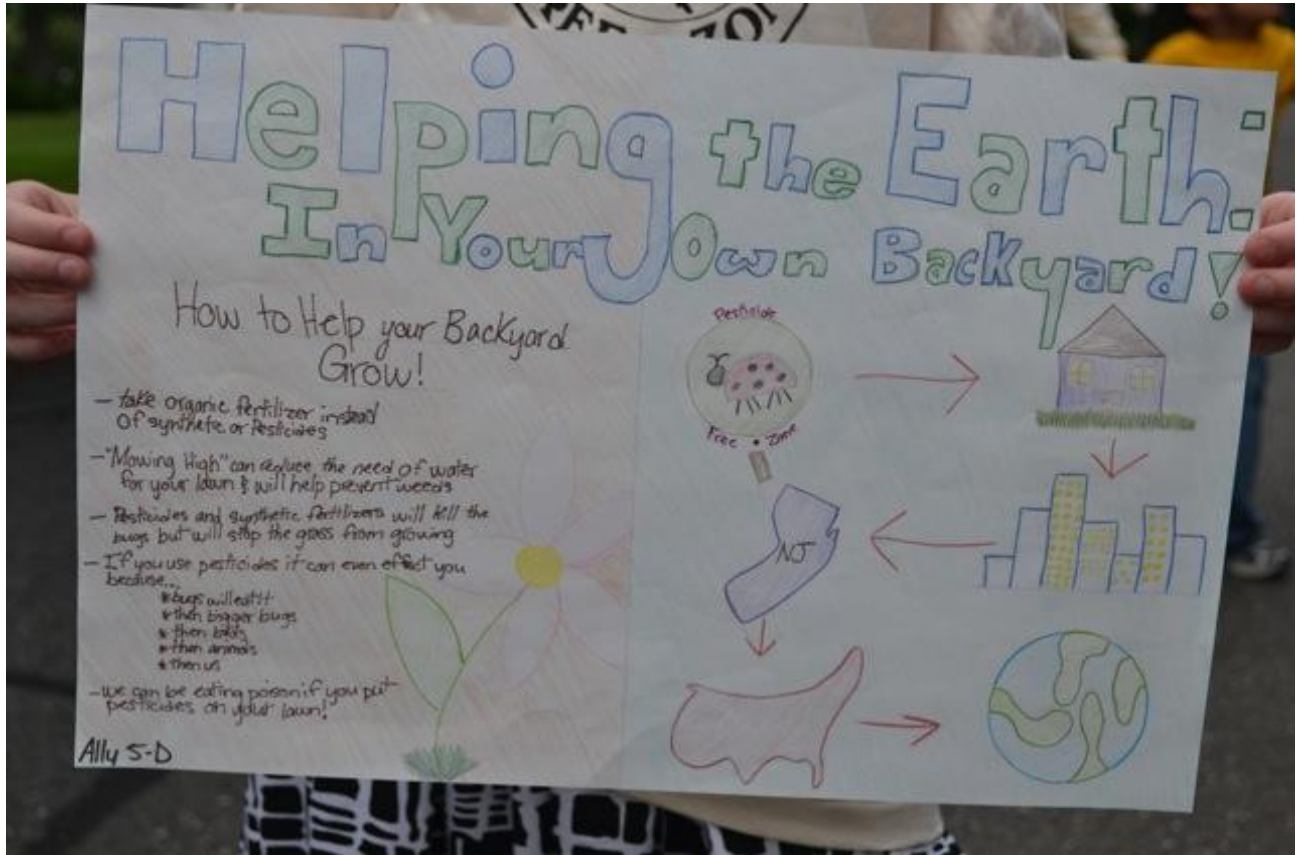
Chinmayi Kapur's poster (Liberty Corner School winner)



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Allyson Lambie's poster (Oak St. School winner)



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Yuen Wang's poster (Cedar Hill School winner)



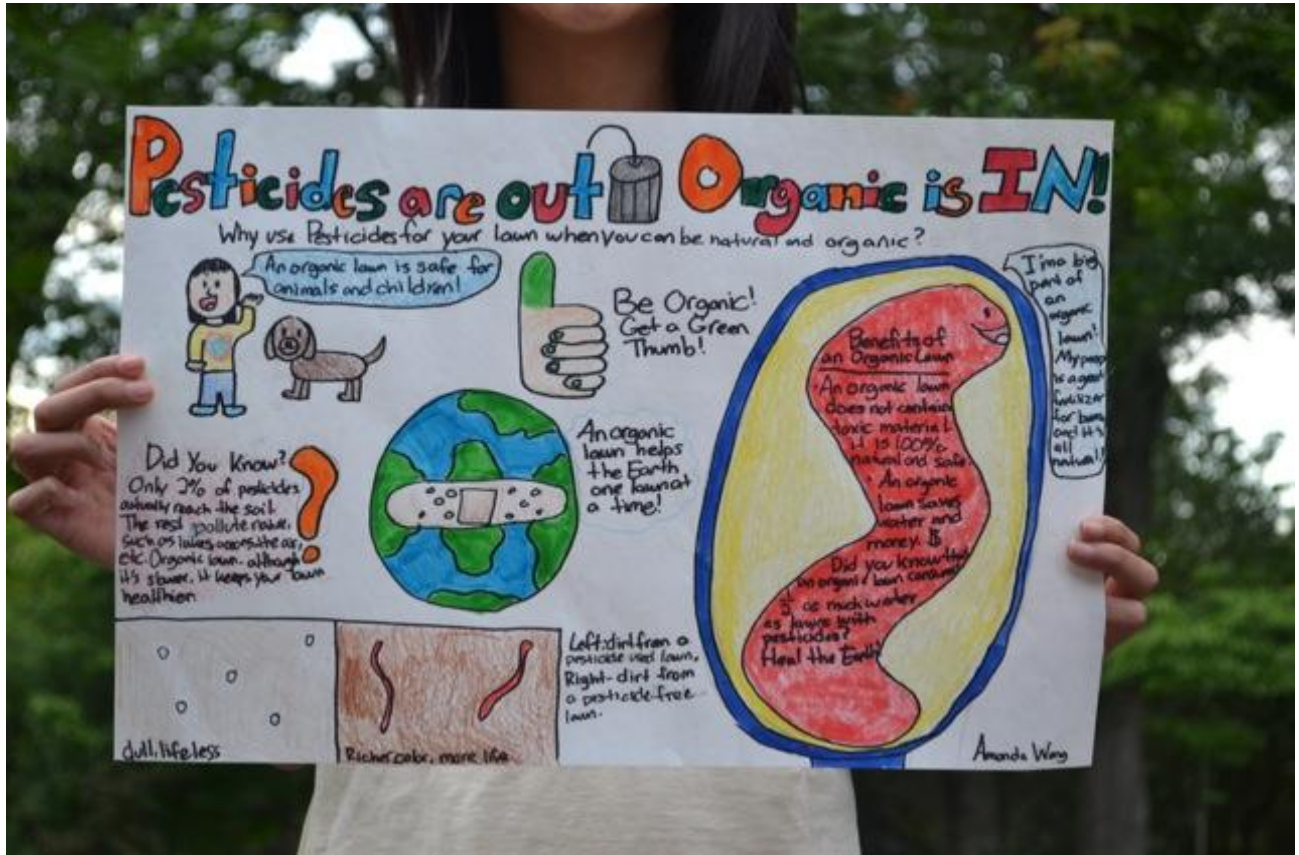
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Amanda Wang's poster (Mount Prospect School winner)



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