

THE JOHN J. MARKELL MEMORIAL ART CONTEST GUIDELINES

The John J. Markell Memorial Art Contest provides high school aged students living or attending school in Frederick County an opportunity to depict, through art, some aspect of the county's history. Co-sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County and the Frederick Art Club, the contest recognizes the talent and the pictorial contributions made by Frederick artist John Markell.

MARKELL THE ARTIST

John Markell was known to his contemporaries as a portrait painter, although he also painted landscapes. His attention to detail, use of color, and accurate portrayal of Frederick County in its many moods all serve to emphasize the talents of this young artist. Today there are eleven portraits, seven landscapes, one lithograph, and three other paintings known to exist by this talented painter. Markell created many of these works while he was the age of the participants in this contest. John J. Markell was just 23 years old when he died in 1844.



Students are encouraged to visit the Museum of Frederick County History and the Frederick County Archives and Research Center during their regular days and hours of operation to learn more about the history of the county, John Markell, and his work. Examples of Markell's work also are available online at the Historical Society's website, www.hsfcinfo.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Entries are accepted from April 26 through **May 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Frederick County History, 24 East Church Street, Frederick. (The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)
- Judging will take place on May 8, 2010.
- Winners will be notified on May 10, 2010.
- Awards will be presented on May 13, 2010 at a combined Student Contest Awards Presentation.
- Entries will be exhibited at the Museum of Frederick County History from May 10 through May 31, 2010.

OBJECTIVES

The John J. Markell Memorial Art Contest seeks to inspire young Frederick County artists:

- To become better acquainted with the history of Frederick County;
- To depict events, people, and places which portray the past and present to the future;
- To develop and refine artistic skills in the traditional style, while exploring new artistic techniques; and
- To have fun with their art.

CONTEST RULES

- This juried contest is open to high school students (grades 9-12) living or attending school in Frederick County. Students are not required to be enrolled in an advanced art course.
- Entries will be a portrait, landscape location, event, or composite work that portrays some aspect of Frederick County.
- Media should be one of those used in the early 1800s: oil, watercolor, pastels, charcoals, and ink. Acrylics and tempera also are acceptable.
- Works should be matted. Oil paintings are acceptable framed or unframed.
- The size of the entry, measured unframed, will be no larger than 28" x 34" or smaller than 11" x 14".
- **A typed artist's personal statement must accompany each entry.** The statement must be no less than 50 words and should describes the inspiration, purpose, and theme of the entry. It also must include the artist's name, school, mailing address, and contact information (telephone number or e-mail address).
- Each student may submit only one entry each year. Previous contest entrants and winners are eligible to participate.

Participants agree to allow the Historical Society to photograph their entry for display purposes and for future contest publicity. All works must be picked up within 15 days following the exhibition period.

AWARDS

First Place—\$500

Second Place—\$200

Third Place—\$100

Additional Honorable Mention non-monetary prizes may be awarded.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges who will select the first, second, and third place award winners. Honorable mention awards may also be made. The panel will apply the following criteria (50 points possible):

1. Use of traditional style—10 points possible
2. Demonstration of artistic skill—10 points possible
3. Use of creativity—10 points possible
4. Overall presentation—20 points possible

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