

2026 FAEA YOUTH ART MONTH (YAM) FLAG CONTEST

Lesson Plan & Presentation





Our Learning Targets

Goal 1

Create a flag design inspired by the theme: "The World Needs Art".

Goal 2

Show how art makes the world better through connection, healing, and hope.

Goal 3

Use bold colors, strong symbols, and your imagination to tell a story.

Talking Tip:

"Think of your art like a message to the whole world about why art matters. It's your chance to be an advocate through creativity!"

Theme: "The World Needs Art"

Florida Visual Art Standards (K-12)

Kindergarten: VA.K.C.1.1 – Create and share personal works of art.

Grade 1: VA.1.C.1.2 – Reflect on and explain the purpose of art.

Grade 2: VA.2.C.1.2 – Reflect on and describe personal choices in art.

Grade 3: VA.3.H.1.1 – Describe cultural functions of art.

Grade 4: VA.4.S.1.1 – Explore media and techniques to communicate ideas.

Grade 5: VA.5.C.1.3 – Examine the qualities of artworks.

Grade 6: VA.68.C.1.3 – Evaluate personal work using established criteria.

Grade 7: VA.68.H.1.4 – Discuss how artworks reflect culture and history.

Grade 8: VA.68.F.3.2 – Create art that expresses ideas about global issues.

Grade 9-12: VA.912.C.1.6 – Assess meaning in art and how it affects the viewer.

What is YAM (Youth Art Month)



- Youth Art Month (YAM) is celebrated every March across the U.S.
- It began in 1961 to advocate for art education in schools.
- YAM helps show how art connects people, cultures, and ideas.
- Every state participates in the YAM Flag & Banner Program by hosting a state-wide flag design contest following the national theme.
- The winner of the 2026 FAEA YAM Flag Contest will represent the state of Florida at the National Art Education Association Convention alongside other states' winners.

Talking Point:

"Youth Art Month is about celebrating YOUR creativity. It's a time to show others how powerful art really is."

The World Needs Art... Why?

Art helps us understand emotions and each other.

Art tells stories, heals hearts, and builds community.

The world would feel empty without creativity.

Your art can be a message of hope, love, unity, or change.

Prompt for Students:

"What's one way art has helped you or someone else? Let's put that feeling into your flag design."

How to Enter the Flag Contest

- Open to K–12 Florida students.
- Use any 2D medium: painting, collage, drawing, or digital.
- Include the words of the theme somewhere in your art piece.
- Include your name, grade, and school on the back.
- Turn in your flag to your art teacher by the deadline.

DEADLINE:

Friday, November 21, 2025

Tip:

“Keep it simple but powerful. Your art should be easy to understand from far away!”

The World Needs YOUR Art

01

Your voice matters.



02

Art makes people
feel, dream, and
connect.



03

Share your story
with the world
through your art by
making it into the
flag.



04

Let's make
something
beautiful, bold, and
meaningful
together!

Final Motivation:

"Let your flag speak from your heart. Let it fly with a message only YOU can give."



Examples

These are the flags
from past years.



2025 Theme: "Healing Through Color"

Raine Ago

I've Got Your Back

Dr. Phillips High School

I am a planet.
You know me as
home.
I am enough for
you.
I am enough to
contain life
and care for all
living things.



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2024 Theme: "Dream in Art"

Hadley Dorsett

Our Home is Enough

Brooker Creek Elementary



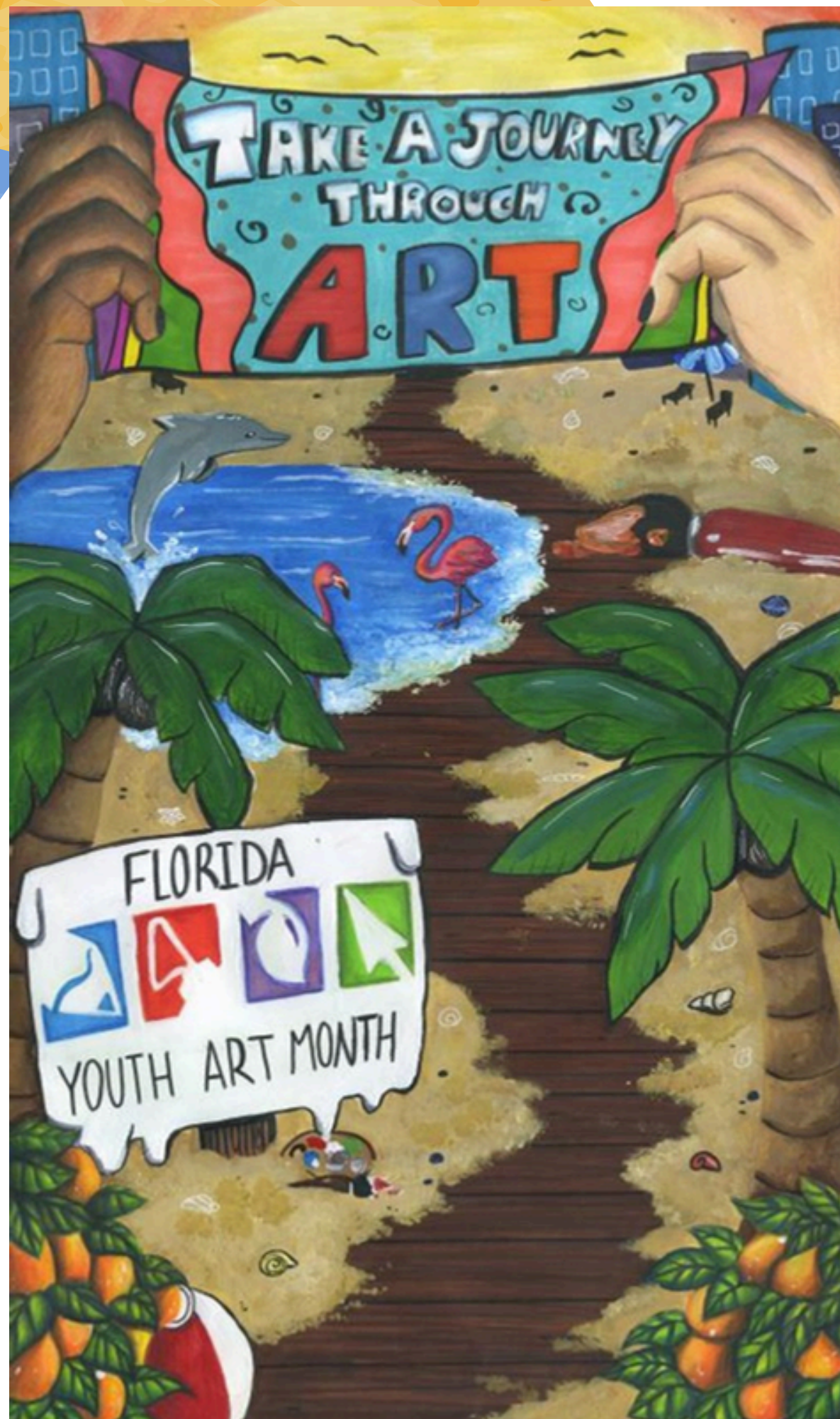
2023 Theme: "Your Art, Your Voice"
Danny Huang
Keep the Earth Clean and the Rivers Evergreen!
Bay Lake Elementary



2022 Theme: "Art Connects Us"
Saniya Jones
Tropics
Davenport High School



2021 Theme: "Art Connects Us"
Miranda Pulmano
2021 YAM Theme
Glades Middle School



2020 Theme: "Take a Journey Through Art"
Sureily Marestein
Tropical Travels
AP Mays Conservatory of the Arts

If you would like to see more click the
link:

[FAEA YAM Gallery](#)

Thank You & Keep Creating!

- Thank you for celebrating Youth Art Month 2026 with us!
- Your creativity makes the world brighter, kinder, and more connected.
- We invite YOU to be part of something bigger by sharing your art with others.

Special thanks to the
Florida Art Education
Association (FAEA)
for supporting art
teachers, students, and
programs across our state.



Learn more or
explore student
opportunities at:
faea.org

Closing Line: Let your art fly. Let your voice shine. Because the world really does need YOUR art.

The background features a collage of colorful geometric shapes and patterns. On the left, there are blue and green circular patterns. At the top, a yellow zigzag shape is visible. On the right, there are pink and green shapes with wavy patterns. At the bottom, there are yellow and pink shapes with diamond and star patterns, and a blue shape with a grid pattern.

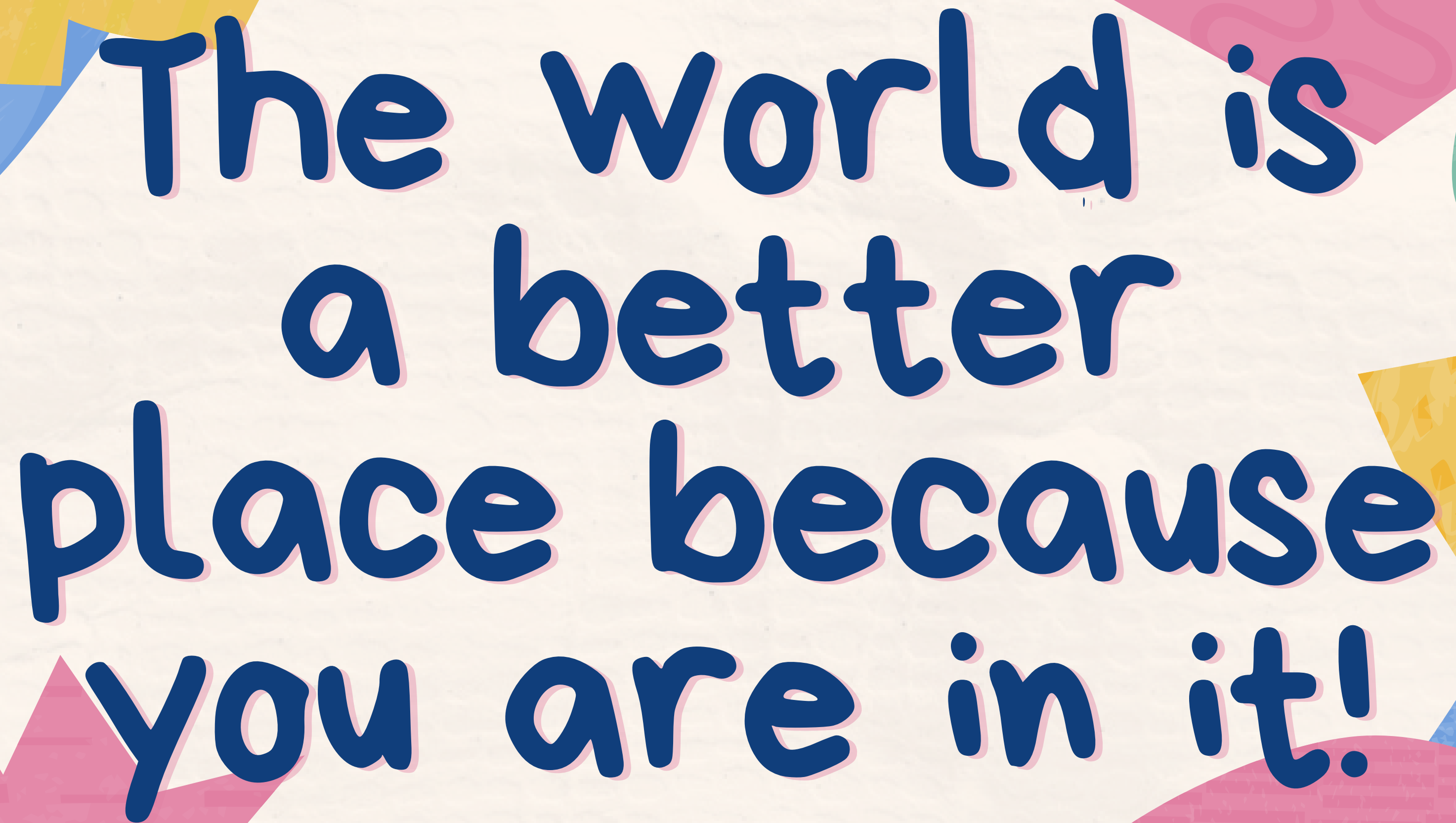
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