



GLEN ROCK TEEN ARTISTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
Arts Council Member & GRHS Alum Gets Teens Involved in Rock Road Banner Contest
“Creativity, Technique, and Relevance”

GLEN ROCK, N.J., April 22, 2024 – In celebration of Earth Day, Glen Rock teen artists have created banners to line Rock Road in a challenge organized by Arts Council of Glen Rock member and Glen Rock High School alum Sydney Mangaroo.

With an impressive response of 30 submissions, the contest showcased the artistic prowess and environmental consciousness of the youth in the Glen Rock community. The contest, designed to commemorate Earth Day through art, received an array of innovative and inspiring entries from students across various grade levels.

“From vibrant paintings to intricate drawings, each submission reflected a deep appreciation for the natural world and a commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues,” said Sydney Mangaroo. “What sets this contest apart is not only its significance in celebrating Earth Day but also its emphasis on fostering creativity and artistic expression among teenagers.”

By providing a platform for young artists to showcase their talents, the Arts Council of Glen Rock’s aim was to inspire future generations to engage with environmental issues through the lens of art.

After careful deliberation, a panel of esteemed local artists (who are also Arts Council members) selected the following six winners whose works stood out for their creativity, technique, and relevance to the Earth Day theme:

- Catie Stallone, Senior, Art Major III Honors student
- Virginia Liang, Senior, Drawing & Painting student
- Olivia Thompson, Senior, Art Major III Honors student
- Juha Kim, Sophomore, Art Major I student
- Mylo Lauk, Freshman, Drawing & Painting student
- Anika Gandhi, 6th-grade, Painting student

“This Teen Arts Contest not only celebrates the beauty of Earth but also serves as a reminder of the importance of nurturing creativity and empowering the next generation of environmental advocates,” said Patti McHugh, co-president of Arts Council of Glen Rock.

The banners will remain installed along Rock Road (Glen Avenue to Main Street), until Memorial Day, allowing the community to appreciate their talent and dedication to environmental stewardship. Special thanks to Glen Rock's DPW crew for ably installing the new banners.

For more information and images of the Teen Arts Contest, please visit <https://www.artscouncilgr.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/ArtsCouncilofGlenRock>.

Arts Council of Glen Rock is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its purpose is to promote, support, and celebrate all forms of the arts. The aim is to provide artistic experiences throughout the year for the community, guided by three priorities: expanding arts opportunities, cultivating awareness and energizing community support and attendance. For more information and to join, visit artscouncilgr.org.

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