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Cooperative Living Magazine Seeks Student Art for Contest ***Entries due May 1***

Glen Allen, Va. — [Cooperative Living](#) magazine encourages students in kindergarten through fifth grade to enter their art in the magazine's 15th annual Youth Art Contest by the May 1 deadline. Art should reflect the "animals" theme.

Graphic designers and staff at the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC), which publishes *Cooperative Living*, will select first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade. First-place winners in each category will receive \$25 cash prizes. The "Best in Show" artist will win \$100.

VMDAEC will publish winning entries in the July issue of *Cooperative Living*, which will be sent to electric co-op members statewide.

"We started the Youth Art Contest to encourage youthful creativity and give kids a chance to show their art to the magazine's 1.2 million readers," said *Cooperative Living* Editor Bill Sherrod. "Each year, our judges are impressed with both the quality and creativity of the students' work."

Artwork should be configured vertically (portrait-style) on an 8 ½-by-11-inch sheet of white paper. The child's full name, grade, mailing address, and parent or guardian's daytime phone number should be printed clearly on the back of each entry.

Entries should be mailed unfolded to: Youth Art Contest, c/o *Cooperative Living* magazine, P.O. Box 2340, Glen Allen, VA 23058-2340. Original entries will not be returned.

About Cooperative Living

Cooperative Living, the membership publication of Virginia's consumer-owned electric cooperatives, is published 10 times annually by the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. The magazine is mailed to more than 510,000 homes and businesses across Virginia. For more information, visit www.co-opliving.com.

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