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Online voting opens in Nebraska Spirit Art Contest

LINCOLN – The public is invited to vote online from May 11-20 to determine the winners in the 2009 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest.

The online voting involving the finalists is available at www.nebraska.gov/contest.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade submitted original artwork showcasing their knowledge of Nebraska and its history. The contest is sponsored by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Nebraska.gov, the state's Web site.

Five finalists were selected from each grade. The finalists' artwork will be displayed on the first floor of the State Capitol from May 11-15.

One winner from each grade will have their work featured on a free downloadable screen saver for one year.

"This has been a winning program. It encourages our students to enjoy art, it promotes state pride, and it promotes the ideal of democratic voting," Gale said.

"All citizens get a chance to vote and then download the winning art on the screen saver," he said.

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