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Dear Art Teachers:

It's that time of year again – time to start planning the seventh annual **Blues Heritage Youth Art Competition**. This competition just keeps getting better every year, and many festival-goers tell us they look forward to this art exhibit almost as much as the blues music at the festival!

From its inception, this event has been **sponsored by the Pillow Clinic of Helena**, which allows us to award generous cash prizes to divisional winners and their dedicated teachers. Each year, we look forward to entries from public and private schools in the Arkansas and Mississippi Delta.

The theme for 2014 competition is “**Delta Blues Towns.**” Select a town in the Delta. It doesn't have to be the town where your school is located. Ask your students to consider what makes a town a “blues town.” Is it local musicians, musical instruments, or its music festivals? Favorite “gathering places” might If Helena is selected, posters might depict a group of people the Blues Festival. They might be sitting on the levee or entertaining on stage.

All entries will be on display at the DCC Depot beginning the first of October. A reception will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, to honor the winners and teachers. Prizes will be given at this time, and winning posters in each grade division will be made into full-color posters and postcards to be distributed statewide. Press releases will also be sent to local and regional papers announcing the winners. **Entries will be accepted until May 1, 2014.**

We hope that this competition will be a part of your spring semester activities. Contest rules are attached. So, please review carefully, and call if you need further information.

Sincerely

Susan Phillips
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