



Dear Art Instructors,

October 21, 2025

The General Federation of Women's Clubs in Wisconsin (GFWC-WI) has sponsored the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for 7th and 8th grade students in Wisconsin communities since 1927. The Woman's Club of Pewaukee along with the Pewaukee Area Arts Council (PAAC) are hosting this **Art Contest in February & March of 2026** as part of the state-wide contest. Students love seeing their art displayed publicly and having their talents recognized. Details, rules, and associated forms are attached for reference. This information is also available on our website www.womansclubofpewaukee.com.

Students may submit one entry in each of two categories: 2 Dimensional, and 3-Dimensional Art. The art must be entirely the student's own work (no group projects). Please find a flyer attached that can be displayed in the school to announce and encourage involvement by the 7th and 8th grade students and forwarded by email.

Art will be picked up at each school by a representative from the Woman's Club on Thursday, February 19, 2026. **Art must include attached Entry and Permission Form and be packaged individually for safe transport.** Parents are to complete the Permission slip section of the form. If art is not safe to travel, it will not be picked up.

Art Judging will be privately completed during the first week of March. **There will be a reception for the artists, their teachers, and their families at the Pewaukee Public Library on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10am to 12pm.** The PAAC Award Presentation will be at 11am. The artwork will be displayed at the Pewaukee Library during March.

Winners of the local contest will advance to the district level competition and possibly the state level in April and May. Artwork not advancing will be returned to the schools after each level of competition. If art advances and places at the state competition, it will be displayed at the Oshkosh Public Museum for the summer exhibit.

By 11/21/25 please share your intent to (or not to) have student participation in this contest with a reply email & for questions please contact Eileen Jarosz at 262-720-9561 or eileenjarosz@wi.rr.com. We look forward to students' participation in this art contest.

Sincerely, The Pewaukee Woman's Club Arts & Culture Committee