

PREHISTORIC ARTS CONTEST



2011-2012
ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM

Every entry qualifies for prizes!
Submissions due January 27, 2012 www.tyrrellmuseum.com



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Help your budding young artists create their own masterpieces and learn about palaeontology too!

The Royal Tyrrell Museum's Prehistoric Arts Contest has different topics for different grade levels, prizes for every winner, and the chance to have personal artwork displayed in the Museum.

Students can look in books, or check out websites, that contain information about their topic, and then turn what they've learned into an original work of art.

All contest entries must be postmarked by, or delivered to the Museum no later than **January 27, 2012**.

TEACHERS

Looking for a fundraising idea? Make dinosaur note cards or a dinosaur calendar from the art your students create. The cards or calendars can be sold to family, friends, and art lovers!

The Prehistoric Arts Contest is open to students in all countries. Students may only enter one piece of art, and are eligible to win only one prize.



PRIZES!!!

TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS

KINDERGARTEN: A Dinosaur's Pet

If a dinosaur could choose a pet, what would it be? Many types of ancient creatures lived at the same time as dinosaurs. Would a dinosaur choose a small mammal, a fish, a marine reptile, or an insect for a pet? Or a creature we have never seen before? Would different kinds of dinosaurs keep different pets? Would they keep their pets in cages or take them for walks? Draw one type of dinosaur and its favourite pet(s)!

GRADES 1-2: Ankylosaur Superheroes

In March 2011, Royal Tyrrell Museum scientists were called to a mine near Fort McMurray, Alberta. There they collected the oldest ankylosaur fossils known from the province. All ankylosaurs were well protected with bony armour all over their bodies—even on their eyelids! Some had a tail club they might have used as a weapon if they were attacked. What if an ankylosaur's armour and tail club weren't only for its own defence, but also to protect other ancient creatures? They would be the armoured superheroes of the Cretaceous! Create and name your own ankylosaur superhero, then draw it defending other Cretaceous creatures from predators!

GRADES 3-4: Mosasaur's World

While dinosaurs dominated the land, marine reptiles ruled the seas. In the Late Cretaceous, a group of giant, carnivorous reptiles with flippers, known as mosasaurs, were among the top predators. Related to snakes and lizards, they were powerful swimmers. A number of excellent mosasaurs have been found in Alberta, including *Prognathodon* on display in the Royal Tyrrell Museum and *Latoplatecarpus*, newly

named by one of the Museum's scientists. What did these creatures look like? What colour were they? What did they feed on? Draw an underwater scene from the Late Cretaceous showing a mosasaur(s) in its environment.

GRADES 5-6: Permian Party

Before dinosaurs ruled the Earth, a very different group of reptiles ran the show during the Permian Period (300 – 251 million years ago). *Dimetrodon*, the top predator, was a mammal-like reptile that lived alongside other strange reptiles, fishes, amphibians, and insects on the single super continent Pangaea. What would happen if all these creatures met in the centre of the continent to have party? Who would be invited? What decorations would there be? Draw a scene showing all the Permian animals that were invited to the party and what they did while they were there. Don't forget to include the snacks!

GRADES 7-9 AND GRADES 10-12: Open Category

Let your imagination go wild! Using whatever artistic medium you like, create a masterpiece of prehistoric life. Paint, draw, sculpt, carve, or build however you wish, as long as it has a theme related to palaeontology. Make sure it can be shipped easily, because if you win, we'll put it on display in the Prehistoric Arts Gallery for the world to see!

ENTER & WIN

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

Create your very own artistic masterpiece and send it to the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

CLASS ENTRY

Each student in the class produces his or her own artwork. The teacher sends all the entries to the Royal Tyrrell Museum for individual judging.

PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES!

Best overall	(K-6 & 7-12)	\$200 each
Best in grade	(K-6)	\$100 each
Honourable mention	(K-6)	\$50 each
Best in open category	(Jr. & Sr. High)	\$100 each
Honourable mention open category	(Jr. & Sr. High)	\$50 each

GRAND PRIZE DRAWS

Each school that enters the contest will have its name entered into a draw for two prize packages of educational resources for its library (each package valued at \$1000).

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO

Royal Tyrrell Museum Prehistoric Arts Contest

Mail P.O. Box 7500, Drumheller,
Alberta, Canada T0J 0Y0

Email tyrrell.info@gov.ab.ca

Courier Highway 838, Midland Provincial Park,
Drumheller, Alberta, Canada T0J 0Y0

Questions Call us toll free in Alberta:
310-0000 + 403-823-7707

In Canada: 1-888-440-4240

Monday-Friday 8:15 am-4:30 pm MST



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

FOLLOW THE RULES

MEDIA: Create art based on the information provided for the category matching your grade level.

1. Poster categories (K–Grade 6)—You can use crayons, pencil crayons, markers, paints, or any other medium you want to explore. You may also digitally create a poster using a software drawing program, or scan your original artwork.
2. Open categories—Your imagination is the limit! You may use whatever artistic medium you like—paint, draw, sculpt, carve, or build.

FORMAT

1. Poster categories—Ensure that your poster meets the size specifications listed below and send it flat, not rolled or folded. Entries that are rolled, folded, or submitted on the wrong paper size will be disqualified.

Entries for the K–6 poster categories must be formatted **horizontally** using **28 cm x 43 cm paper (11" x 17")**. On the right hand side of the page, draw a straight line 5 cm (2") from the edge. This is where you will put the label with your name and address on it.

See label information on final page for complete details.

2. Open categories—The **maximum dimensions** for all submissions is **46 cm x 46 cm x 36 cm (18" x 18" x 14")**. Remember that the winning entry must be able to be shipped to the Royal Tyrrell Museum for gallery display.

Entries for the Open category must be photographed, and the photos submitted either as hard copies or digital files. Please send three photos of your artwork. To ensure that your work is captured successfully, use appropriate lighting and a stark background.

3. Digitally produced entries (both categories)—Must be **28 cm x 43 cm (11" x 17")** in a horizontal format and must be converted to an Acrobat PDF format.

Note: Unless the image is converted to CMYK, colours may change when the image is printed. When saving or exporting to PDF, choose the "optimized for print" setting. Do not choose the screen option. Don't forget to include your name, address and other information required. See label information for complete details.

CRITERIA

Artwork is judged on composition, imagination, artistic skill, and the ability to follow directions. Only original artwork is eligible. Use references to learn more about your topic, but don't copy from existing artwork.

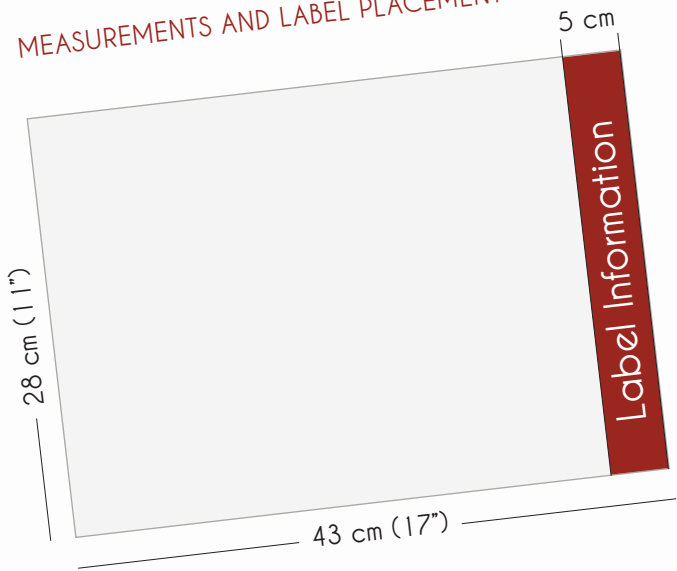
DETAILS

All contest entries must be postmarked by, or delivered to, the Royal Tyrrell Museum no later than **January 27, 2012**. Winners will be contacted on, or before, February 24, 2012. Winning entries will be displayed at the Museum in spring 2012.

ALL ENTRIES BECOME PROPERTY OF THE ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM.

LABEL INFORMATION

MEASUREMENTS AND LABEL PLACEMENT



LABEL EXAMPLES

Attach a version of the correct label to each poster submission as shown above.

5 cm

28 cm (11")

Individual Entry Label	
First Name:	Last Name:
Grade:	School Name:
Home Address: (include street info, city, province, postal code)	
Home Phone:	Parent's Phone (day):
Email Address:	

5 cm

28 cm (11")

Individual Entry Sent With Class Label	
Student's First Name:	Student's Last Name:
Grade:	Teacher's Name:
School Name:	School Phone:
School Address: (include street info, city, province, postal code)	
School Email Address:	