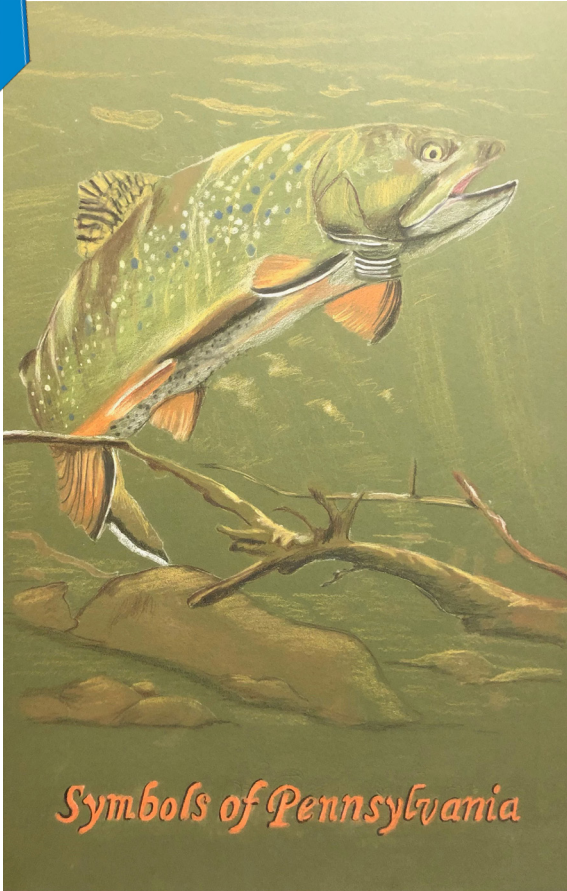


2021 Senior Poster Contest Winners

"Symbols of Pennsylvania"



Senior 1st Place Winner
Chris Gibble, Potter County



Chris Gibble - The Brook trout is part of the char genus family. It is native to Eastern North America in the United States and Canada. In Potter County we have stocked Brook trout (Brookies) and native Brook trout. Typically stocked Brookies will be brighter in color. They may also have parts of their fins missing because they grow up with so many fish it's common for them to get injured. Normally stocked trout don't survive more than a year but the trout who do tend to resemble their native counterpart and their color starts to fade. I've been catching Brook trout most of my life from the Genesee river as far back as I can remember. This is why the Brook Trout is important to me and why I chose this symbol of Pennsylvania for my poster.



Senior 2nd Place Winner
Kaden Matteson – Potter County



Kaden Matteson - I did a poster of a ruffed grouse because they are beautiful birds. I especially like them when they puff up their feathers. The ruffed grouse was designated the state bird in 1931. The ruffed grouse has several nicknames such as partridge, prairie chicken, drummer and thunder chicken. They live in young forests, oaks, forests lowlands and dense stands of trees. Ruffed grouse eat a variety of fruit, ferns, green leaves of clover, rose hips, bunchberry, mountain ash and thorn apples. The ruffed grouse chicks eat insects.



Senior 3rd Place Winner
Deonna Snyder – Potter County



Deonna Snyder - The law designating the whitetail deer as the official Pennsylvania state animal is found in The Pennsylvania Statutes, Title 71, Chapter 6, Section 1070. It was adopted October 2, 1959. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the whitetail deer is found in wooded areas. Food sources consist of buds and twigs of maple, sassafras, poplar and birch trees, as well as many shrubs. Fruits such as apples and nuts are also a food source. In the winter, conifers act as a food source. Deer also graze in pasture fields and corn fields. A male deer is referred to as a buck and the female is called a doe. Bucks are known for their antlers and they are prized by many hunters. I chose to illustrate a Whitetail deer in the fall of the year for my poster. The whitetail deer is a noble, intelligent animal, hence it was designated a "Symbol of Pennsylvania."

2021 Junior Poster Contest Winners

"Symbols of Pennsylvania"

Junior 1st Place Winner
Nevaeh Kio, Potter County

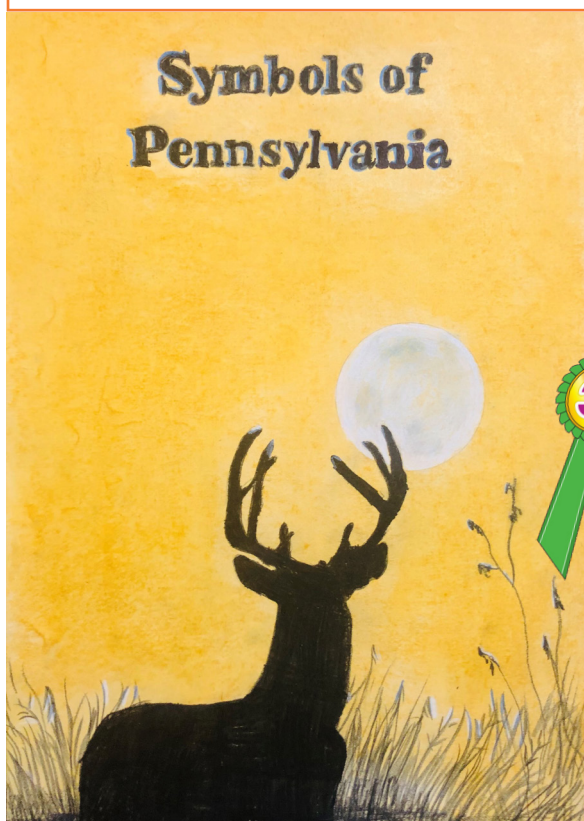
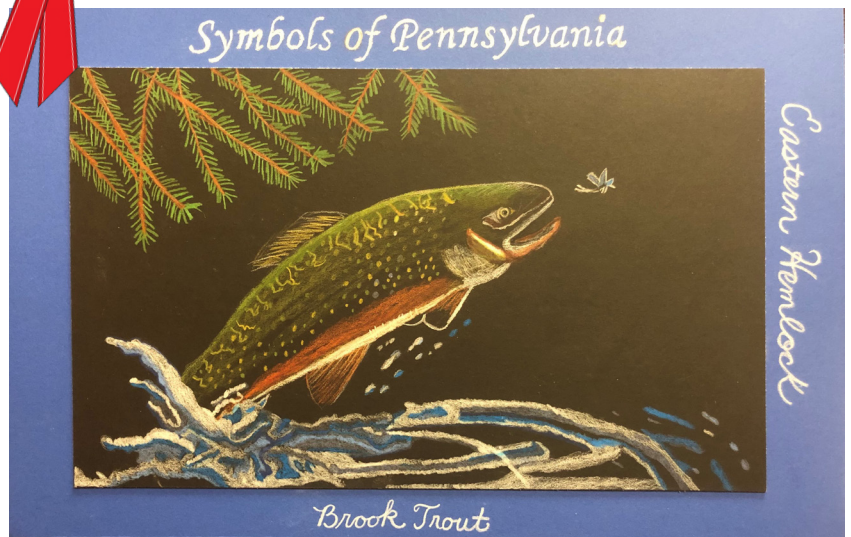


Nevaeh Kio - Pennsylvania has many symbols that represent the state of PA. The symbols that are connected to the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists are the Eastern Hemlock, the Mountain Laurel, the Ruffed Grouse, the Brook Trout and the White-tailed Deer. I chose the White-tailed Deer for my poster. The reason why I picked the White-tailed Deer to be included in my poster was for many reasons. As I have grown up, my family has hunted them. So I grew to learn how to hunt, respect, and protect the deer around my home and community. As my family and I are hunters we know that you only can shoot a certain amount of deer per season. This is put into play so the deer continue to exist in our area and also that the deer do not become over populated. I was also taught that the deer should and always have respect like any other animal or human being. We can show the deer respect by following the rules and regulations to protect the wildlife and by keeping the environment clean and safe for them as much as possible. The White-tailed Deer are very important to me and my family and to the beautiful outdoors of Pennsylvania.

Junior 2nd Place Winner
Riley Ruppert, Potter County



Riley Ruppert - The Brook Trout and the Eastern Hemlock are Pennsylvania State symbols. In art class, I created a Brook Trout poster. It is jumping up and catching a mayfly underneath the branches of an Eastern Hemlock tree by the Genesee River. The Brook Trout is my favorite Pennsylvania symbol because I love to fish.



Junior 3rd Place Winner
Joel Sherman, Potter County

Joel Sherman - I chose the animal state symbol of Pennsylvania, the white-tailed deer to use in my poster. It was adopted officially as the Pennsylvania state animal on October 2, 1959. I live in Potter County and see many deer. They are a beautiful animal. A male deer is called a buck and a female deer is a doe. The babies are called fawns and have a spotted coat to blend into the landscape as protection.

2021 Photo Contest Winners

"Symbols of Pennsylvania"

Senior 1st Place Winner

Lana Dyer – Lancaster County



Lana Dyer - I took this photo in January of 2021 at our local county park in Lancaster. The picture depicts several Eastern Hemlocks, the state tree of Pennsylvania, during a sunny yet frigid day. As you can see, the sunlight is shining through the branches of these trees providing warmth and energy for the vegetation to thrive. These trees are also known for their scientific name, *Tsuga canadensis*. They stand tall compared to their neighboring plants showing how strong, powerful and purposeful they are in the ecosystem. Other characteristics of this slow-growing. And long-lived tree include the unique needles that have 2 white stripes on the underside. The foliage of Eastern Hemlocks is quite thick as well, helping to provide shelter for wildlife. I believe this tree is a good representation for our state alongside the other symbols of Pennsylvania.

Senior 2nd Place Winner

Megan Byron – Potter County



Megan Byron - I feel that Mountain laurel is a beautiful plant when it's in bloom or when it is just and it's green. I chose to photograph the Mountain laurel because it is one of my favorite plants. Mountain laurel is one of my favorite plants because even if it's snowing and 20° out it will still be looking green and filled with life it reminds me of hot summer days with all the greenery. Mountain laurel is a part of the evergreen shrub family. Mountain laurel is native to eastern United States and flourishes in Potter County beautifully all year around.

Senior 3rd Place Winner

Autumn Harig – Potter County



Autumn Harig - I was delighted to capture a photo of a Ruffed Grouse in Potter County. In 1931 the Ruffed Grouse became the official bird symbol of Pennsylvania. It is a hardy bird thriving through the winters of Potter County. It is one of ten species native to North America and sometimes is referred to as a partridge. When snow covers the ground it will survive eating dormant catkins or flower buds of trees such as cherries, aspens, birches or ironwood. The ruffed grouse is mainly a flower eater, but has also been known to eat insects, snakes, frogs, and salamanders.

