

National Garden Club, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest

2022-2023

An Anthology of Poems
Kindergarten - 9th Grades

Seeds,  *Trees* 

and Bees... 



Oh My

- Celebrating the Diversity of Nature

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Chris Leskosky, Chairman
Barbara Bourque, Co-chairman

The following Scale of Points were used in judging:

Title	10
Content	40
Creativity	30
Style	<u>20</u>
Total	100

Scoring: one 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place, HM 90+ means a poem is considered on the level of the one which scored higher. Poems are judged by grade levels.

Look for the  indicating the 1st place winners!

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after the child's name.**

Poems are written as submitted.

Central Atlantic Region

Grade 1

Huxton Lyons

Calvert County Garden Club, Maryland

“Beautiful Bees” HM

Seeds grow into flowers

Bees take the pollen

They feed the world!

No life without bees

Grade 2

Talula Anderson

Calvert County Garden Club, Maryland

“Bees”

HM

Black yellow
Gliding stinging fast
Flying from flower to flower
Collecting pollen
Honey makers

Grade 3

Marco Regus

Pucketos Garden Club, Pennsylvania

“All About Trees”

HM

Brown trees have leaves that fall down
Coniferous trees' leaves are never found on
the ground
All trees have stems,
no mayhem
They do have seeds
And make the food they need.

Grade 4

Cassidy Phillips

Calvert County Garden Club, Maryland

“Seeds”

HM

Little black

Growing sprouting blooming

Ground stem water vine

Hanging climbing eating

Red fat

Tomato

Grade 5

Charlie Osborne

Ingomar Garden Club, Pennsylvania

“Birds and Bees and Lakes and Trees!” **HM**

The water winks at me

Each sparkle a gift of the light

I can see a tree

Dew glistening in its elegant branches

The birds’ sing song

The sun is warm in my face

A bee is circling me

But it has no intention to hurt me

With each breath more beauty to see

A lake, a tree, a bird, a bee

**There is no end
To the beauty I see
I can hear noise all around me
But not factories
A lake, a tree, a bird a bee
I can taste the air's sweetness
I can smell the earth's scent
I can feel the grass blades on my leg
I can hear the noise of all the animals
And I can see, oh I can see the beauty
A lake, a tree, a bird, a bee
Each sense brings me joy
Being in control of me
Is all I can be
So why not spend that in a place
That is as lovely as anything?
A lake, a tree, a bird, a bee**

Grade 6

Sorcha O'Sullivan

Ingomar Garden Club, Pennsylvania

“A Little Seed's Dream Comes True”



A little seed is found in the field

All alone and scared when a pond appeared

Bumping and jumping afraid to yield

Landing on a green lily pad shield

**As it lay on the lily pad drifting down the
stream**

**The seed fell asleep and had a wonderful
dream**

**How do I travel and become great some day
I wish I had help to find the way**

**The seed traveled near and stayed close to
home**

**When a branch called out and spoke, you are
not alone**

**As the seed lay there, with nowhere to go, the
wind took flight lifting it very slow**

**Like a bird with wings looking for somewhere
to rest, it landed on a branch beside**

An old nest

**The flowers and ivy grew on the tree tried to
disguise the seed from a curious bee**

**This clever bee worked hard trying to release
the seed, but one final pull, the seed popped**

Up

The final journey was to pollinate

And now the seed has become great

**A field of sunflowers wave in the wind looking
back and wondering when did it**

Begin

Dreams can come true if you want them to

And any seed succeed

Grade 7

Trinity Coury

Pucketos Garden Club, Pennsylvania

“Nature’s Beauty is Everywhere” HM

Living in the country

Plants were all around

Trees, flowers, fields and shrubs

Could always be found

There were many creatures too

Birds soaring through the sky

Turtles walking through the woods

Squirrels climbing high

Now living in the city

It would seem these things are gone

But if you take a closer look

You’ll see they were here all along

Nature’s beauty can still be seen

The birds still sing their songs

The squirrels still prepare for winter

The bees still buzz along

Nature has new surprises everyday

No matter where you go

Its diversity makes it special

Its beauty will always show

Grade 8

Ella Garrett

Highland Heights Garden Club, Ohio

“Unreal Diversity”

3RD PLACE

**Buzzing bees
Crafting honey,
Towering trees
Thrive when sunny
All kinds of seeds
Fall from the leaves,
Nature is somewhat
Of a busy family
Intertwined,
Yet so free,
Many lives
Came to be
The aliveness
One may see,
Creates an image
Of highest degree
Shades of green,
Shades of brown,
Shades of vibrants
And shades of dulls
A captivating illustration
Almost abstract,**

**Many differences,
Liberated, not trapped
The joyfulness of songbirds
The planting of seeds
The blooming of blossoms
And the hardworking bees
All is a beautiful picture
Unfiltered and free,
One of nature's
Unreal diversity**

Central Region

Grade 1

Ryan F.

Hendricks County Garden Club, Indiana

“My Apple Tree” HM

**Big, fat buzzing bees
On the flower of my tree
I know that soon there'll be
Big, red apples just for me.**

Grade 2

Charlie School

Oshkosh Garden Club, Wisconsin

“Little Bee”

2ND PLACE

Such a little bee

Oh me, oh my

He carries the pollen upon his knee

Oh me, oh my

Such tiny specks to see

Oh me, oh my

Make the wildflowers grow free

Oh me, Oh my

Grade 3

Ellie Jordan

Jardin Du Lac Garden Club, Missouri

“Trees Through the Seasons” **2ND PLACE**

In the spring the flowers bloom,
The trees grow strong and dance.
Rain will fall and thunder blooms
To give the seeds a chance.

In the summer the sun is warm,
The trees grow tall in height.
Across the fields, the bees will swarm
Beneath the ray's white light.
In the fall the trees will change,

**The green leaves turn to red.
The different colors will be strange
As autumn plows ahead.**

**In the winter the trees are bare,
Their branches dressed with snow.
The deer will roam without a care,
A little buck and doe.**

**The four seasons are quite great,
They always make us smile.
I love the magic they create.
They always come with style.**

Grade 4

Mitchell M.

Hobart Garden Club, Indiana

“Nature”

HM

Nutrients from plants for our bodies

Ants that eat green rotten apples

Trees that help clean our air

Underground fresh soil to help grow plants

Rivers that provide water

Enjoying nature to the fullest

Grade 5

Emma B.

Hendricks County Garden Club, Indiana

“Nature is Beautiful” **HM**

Hear the buzzing bees,
Their honey is the sweetest,
Watch them make honey,
Makes the air we breathe,
The rustling of the leaves,
Trees smell like flowers,
Plant them in the ground,
Watch them grow into huge trees,
Seeds are something great.

Grade 6

Max Anderson

Grow and Glow Garden Club, Missouri

“Winter Hills” **HM**

The trees are brown, the grasses yellowed
Most life is hidden away.

The nature’s beauty is quite very mellowed
Seen cannot be a single blue jay.

Then snow starts to fall

Oh, so cold, is for all

Yet wreathing the landscape in layers of white
It brings a new beauty, ever so bright.

Many move elsewhere, or hide from the sheer
cold
Yet a courageous few stay
Keeping up their life, joy shining through like
gold
Out in a wonder, where they continue to play.
Now a day must end, and a night must start
Happiness, firmly mounted in many a kid's
heart.
The sleds are finally put away,
Ready to fly across the snow, when it snows
another day.

Grade 7

Hadassah R.

Hendricks County Garden Club, Indiana

“The Forest” 3RD PLACE

**In the forest where the tall oak grows,
Its limbs swaying, as the wind blows.
Poison ivy creeps up the formidable white pine
Near the stream watercress grows fine.
Willow, beach, aspen and elm;
Grow stately in this kingly realm.
Moss spreads over the trees and stones,
Blowing through the trees, the wind moans.
Poisonous, purple stemmed hemlock
Purslane hidden in the cleft of a rock.
Papaw, birch, and spruce trees:
Homes for many birds and bees.**

**Here grows the feathery fleabane,
Water glistens on it after the rain.
Goldenrod bends in the breeze
The God of Heaven and Earth,
specially made each one of these.**

Grade 8

William Fleury

Bittersweet Garden Club, Missouri



**“Spreading Seeds of Kindness in the
Community Garden”**

**Deep inside the city square, asphalt jungle,
worse for the wear.**

**Heavy smog fills the air, different cultures
everywhere.**

**Between the chatters and the clatters and the
horns that beep,**

**Hidden on an abandoned lot, plants grow as
people sleep.**

**Tomatoes, carrots, and eggplants grow in
orderly rows,**

**Lavender, marigolds, and mint help repel the
crows.**

**Flowers, fruits, and vegetables fill my eyes
with a beautiful sight, bringing all together,
glowing green and growing bright.**

**You see seeds are sewn sown, the fruit trees
are blooming,
Bees carry the flowers' pollen as the
skyscrapers are looming.
Inside these gates our love is shared, no longer
covered in wrought.
Nurturing these plants is an experience that
can't be bought.**

**Entering gates, grandparents and
schoolchildren pitch in and wait.
Inside the walls, love is grown, and all are safe
from hate.**

**Some of the plants creep along the ground,
weaving through the soil,
While others grow up to the sky, wrap
through the trellis like coils.**

**Flowers grow in every color, vegetables rise
from the ground
Big, bright berries dot the leaves as birds sing
and fly around.
What's most beautiful isn't the strawberries
or the morning glories,
But each plant is just like us, with different
lives and stories.**

**The garden is taking the broken city, building
back and mending,
Integrating all of us, unifying and blending**

**When we all are united and share our
diversity, our harmony will be never-ending.**

Grade 9

Isaac Kelly

Jardin Du Lac Garden Club, Missouri



“Seeds of Life”

**Brown buried walnut
Winter hungry squirrel
Hunts, finds and eats!**

**Fluttering as trees
Helicoptering seeds swirl
Sugar maple spring!**

**Sunflower bright ease
Summer flowers, hunting bees,
Seeds? Goldfinch say, “Please!”**

**Burley burr oak seeds
Smooth pin oak acorns plummet
Destiny fall trees!**

Deep South Region

Kindergarten

Mackenzie Boyington
Conyers Garden Club, Georgia

“Bees and Trees” **2nd PLACE**

Bees go buzz
They go in a hive
Black, yellow and striped outside.
Bees fly in the air.
Bees make honey.
Good to taste.
They are tiny.
Queen Bee loves her workers.
People go to the hives to get honey
People eat the honey
In winter they stay inside
So bears don't find them.

Grade 1

Elijah Dykes
Gateways Garden Club, Georgia

“Plant A Seed Watch It Grow”
You plant a seed
in the ground
When it pops up,



**the seed is found
Does it spin around and round
Yes, it does, it doesn't buzz
It might even feel like fuzz
It might grow small
It might grow tall
It might grow medium
Just don't let it fall
You can plant it in a pot
Just don't let it get too hot
A flower needs water and sun
That's its way to have its fun
So, you can watch it grow**

Grade 2

Jace Welch

Beautiful View Garden Club, Georgia

“Cotton Seed” 3RD PLACE

Blue, hard, small.

I have some work to do after all.

Planting cotton seeds in a pretty field of soil.

I hope the cotton will grow

A beautiful field of “Georgia Snow.”

I hope, after all.

Grade 3

Caleb Gold

Hernando Civic Garden Club, Mississippi

“Nature”

3RD PLACE

Narwhals jumping out of water

Arctic Foxes running around

Turtles swimming in the pond

Uda sheep eating grass

Road Runner racing in the desert

Eagles flying around

Grade 4

Xavier Westfield

Aldersgate Garden Club, Tennessee

“Bees in Trees”

HM

You wake up in the morning, the sun is bright

You see a small bee, as beautiful as the sky

It lands on all of the flowers one, two, three

The magic isn't done yet, there's much more

to see

What come falling out of the same tree

A big pine cone full of seeds!

Grade 5

Sophia Pendergrass

Aldersgate Garden Club, Tennessee



“The Lonely Bee”

The bee has no kingdom

The bee has no queen

The bee relies on no one

But the flower in its routine

This bee lives in tunnels

This bee burrows underground

This bee trims the leaves of trees

For every nest crowned

This bee gets no credit

This bee gets no fame

For everything it pollinates

Has a 95% gain

This land belongs to this bee

This bee belongs to the land

This is where the bee belongs

You have to understand

Grade 6

Jaylin Hemphill

Hernando Civic Garden Club, Mississippi

“Nature’s Friends” 2ND PLACE

**Close your eyes and you can see
The way the worlds supposed to be
Sunrise on a clear blue sky
Fields of daisies, soft butterflies.
Tall trees, leaves glistening with dew
Streams and rivers flowing through
Birds singing and flying high
Gentle breezes with cloudless skies.
Snow caps on the mountain tops
Valleys of green that never stop
Ocean waves and pure white sand
Animals grazing on the land.
Feel the wind in your hair
Smell the flowers, blooms everywhere
See the beauty, today is new
Enjoy nature-God’s gift to you.**

Grade 7

Joseph Zaden

Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, Florida

“Nature Will Always Provide” 2ND PLACE

**It’s good to be outside
Where nature always provides**

**The trees, the bees, the birds
Where life has no words
The things we need to live
It continues to give
It's always an adventure
When you go outside to venture
The things you will find Will never leave your
mind
Nature Will Always Provide**

Grade 8

**Sasha Smith
Briarcliff Garden Club, Georgia**

“The Unseen Nature” 2ND PLACE

**I look up into the sky
Taking in the beauty around me.
The scent of the dew grass and the wood...
I stand realizing how nature gives and humans
take.
It makes me sad how we underestimate,
The Earth Mother
How bees give us honey
Flowers beauty
And trees oxygen.
But we walk over it like what she gives is
nothing.
Maybe if we opened our eyes and give a little
more**

**We could appreciate what's outside our front
door.**

**I hope these words reach your heart
Because the world is in your hands.**

If we do nothing, our world will break apart.

**We have pollution and deforestation,
So please help our nation.**

**The oceans are clear, but for how long?
If we keep this up, the beauty in our lands will
fall**

**So, think about the next time you pick up a
plum,**

Where did it actually come from?

Our food is limited, so be wary.

**Give back so you can truly see
Nature's glory and the beauty that's
underneath.**

Grade 9

Mikayla Barrett

Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, Florida

“INTERCONNECTION” 3RD PLACE

Just listen...

What do you hear? What do you see?

Rustling of leaves,

Buzzing of Bees,

Dissemination of seeds.

Seeds, trees and bees are all different,

yet somehow connected.

What would we do without them?

The use of biodiversity supports all life on earth.

Without diversity, there would be no ecosystem.

Seeds, Trees, and bees all play a very big part in the eco system.

Without Seeds, we would have no plants.

Without Trees, we would have no oxygen.

Without Bees, we would have no pollination.

Interconnection and diversity, the circle of life.

ESOL Grade 1

Lilly Gonzalez

Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“Rainbow Flowers”

I like rainbow flowers

Fresh water from rain showers

They need light from the sun

The rainbow flowers are so fun

ESOL Grade 2

Celine Hyldgaard

Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“Beautiful Sunflowers & Birds”

A Diamante Poem

Sunflowers

Tall, Yellow

Spread out, Grow, Blossom

Sunflowers make seeds that birds like to eat

Fly, Eat, Tweet

Soft, Colorful Birds

ESOL Grade 3

Isaac Agundiz-Salinas

Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“Dragonflies”

Huge eyes, clear wings

Hovers in the sky

Zoom! Zoom!

Hunts for prey

Eats bees, flies, and mosquitoes

Munch! Munch!

Does a handstand on the clothesline

ESOL Grade 4

Alonzo Alvarez

Pine Forest Garden Club, Georgia



“A River’s Feelings”

Oh, I am so fast, but I’m strong.

I carry many things like animals and trees.

I don’t go far.

I am very useful.

I also can take boats to the ocean.

It’s hard work.

I go across some states, not continents.

If I did, I will have an adventure!

When it’s cold out, I will freeze into ice

Then the sun could help me go back to water.

I am also helpful when it’s hot.

People jump in my cool water to play.

ESOL Grade 5

Sophia Hyldgaard

Odum Garden Club, Georgia

All About Gaia

Biography Poem



“Gaia”

Caring, helpful, smart, and peaceful

Daughter of no one

**Lover of the earth, nature, and animals
Who feels loving, hopeful, and sad about
pollution
Who needs us to care for nature, us to clean
oceans,
and stop littering
Who gives peace, happiness, and care for
nature
Who fears pollution, us destroying the nature,
and global warming
Who would like to see earth clean, oceans
clean, and air clean
Resident of the planet Earth,
Mother Nature**

Special Needs Kindergarten

Linlee Swartzlander

Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“All the Colors of Nature”

Yellow and white petals of honeysuckle

White fur of a snow leopard

Purple petals of a flower

Yellow eyes of a lemur

Green spine of a cactus

Black and yellow hairs of a bee

Pink feathers of a Flamingo

Orange amber from tree sap

Gold fur of a lion
Purple leaves of a succulent
Green and red trap of a Venus Fly Trap
Blue skin of a Chameleon
Yellow petals of a sunflower
Brown shell of a turtle
Gray and white skin of a hammerhead shark
Pink petals of roses
Yellow skin of a seahorse
Blue feathers of a macaw
Red arms of coral
Black arms, legs, and ears of a panda
Purple petals of pansies
White fur of a polar bear
Blue flowers of hydrangeas
Yellow wings of a butterfly

Special Needs Grade 1

Creed Brinkley
Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“What is in Nature?”
Trees are in nature
Animals are in nature
Flowers are in nature
Fruit is in nature
Water in in nature
Water lilies are in nature

Special Needs Grade 2

R. J. Presson

Odum Garden Club, Georgia

A Cinquain Poem



“Bees”

Yellow, beautiful

Give us sweet nutritious sticky liquidy honey

The bees also land on your hand when you're
still

Anthophilia

Special Needs Grade 3

Morgana Fenn

Odum Garden Club, Georgia



“The Great Poison Ivy”

A Haiku Poem

Green and green it is

Itchy, icky, itchy, ick

Poison Ivy ick

Special Needs Grade 4

De'Asia Cooper

Briarcliff Garden Club, Georgia



“Trees and Nature”

Trees keep us

They give us oxygen

Nature keeps the animals alive

People put trash on the ground

It kills nature

It kills animals

It kills trees

We won't have oxygen to breathe

Special Needs Grade 5

Myrah Hall

Pine Forest Garden Club, Georgia



“Deadly Creatures”

Rattlesnakes

Vicious, Ferocious

Crawling, Biting, Breathing

Georgia, Outside, Desert, Predators

Dash, Flying, Swift

Tiny, Beautiful

Road Runner

New England Region

Grade 1

Owen Cloherty

Westport Garden Club, Connecticut

“Bees”

3RD PLACE

B - Buzzing through the flowers. Buzz!

E - Each bee makes honey. Sweet!

E - Everyday they pollinate. Yah!

S - Swat ten they sting you. Ouch!

Grade 2

Sean Alleyne

North Haven Garden Club, Connecticut

“The Buzzing of Bees”



Black and yellow, black and yellow, that’s me.

I am a bee

**People don’t seem to like me because they
think I want to sting them**

They don’t know that they scare me

**I try to defend myself by stinging but that
means I will die**

Black and yellow, black and yellow, that’s me.

I am a bee

**I pollinate flowers so they can bloom then get
nectar from flowers**

**The honey I make is good for humans
Black and yellow, black and yellow, that's me
I am a bee**

**Flying high in the sky with happiness
Wearing my yellow and black striped jacket
Black and yellow, black and yellow, I am a bee**

Grade 3

Tatum Breen

North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts



“My Wide-Awake Dreamworld”

**When I look at a forest, can you guess what I
see?**

**Colorful leaves, some floating down, like
falling stars in a night's sky above me.**

**All around are paths of flowers, with colors
like rainbows so vibrant and bright:**

**Yellows like the sun, waves of oceany blue and
touches of cloud-like white.**

**The tall trees rising above, with branches
reaching far and wide,**

**Like the arms of beanstalk giants! Are they
friendly, or should UI run and hide?**

**I see butterflies with wings colorful as sunsets
fluttering by.**

**They're like fairies and pixies, impossible to
capture no matter how hard I try!**

**I hear birds singing songs like the magical
lullabies I hear as I fall asleep every night.**

**I see ants, bees and other bugs busy working
just like fairytales elves might.**

**The ground is lined with seeds creating many
paths I can choose.**

**Like the dots on a treasure map a pirate might
use!**

**When I look at a forest, do you now know
what I see?**

**It is my "*wide awake dreamworld*" filled with
whatever my imagination wants it to be.**

Grade 4

Madelyn Brown

North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts

"How My Garden Grows" 2ND PLACE

Winter is gone, we're clear of snow

Time to let my garden grow

I dig a hole and plant my seeds

And every day I'll pick the weeds

With sun and water my plants grow tall

Soon they'll reach the garden wall
Little buds and blossoms appear
A buzzing sound means bees are near
They pollinator, then fly away
My flowers turn to fruit this way
Zucchini, tomato, squash and peas
Now I'll eat then as I please
It was fun to watch my garden grow
I learned what you reap is what you sow

Grade 5

Harper Breen

North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts

“A “New-bees” First Spring Flight” 2ND PLACE

**From a honey-yellow hive hanging in a sun-
warmed reviving tree,**

Out pops a very shy little new-born honeybee!

**Full of excitement for her very first Spring,
she quickly starts looking around,**

**Her senses taking in Nature's “magical
kingdom” everywhere a new smell, sight and
sound!**

**Below is a path of flowing blue movement to
first catch her curious eye.**

She stretches opens her wings and, in the stream's, direction begins her very first fly. When she reaches the end of the rolling blue trail, a cascade of aromas and colors fill her head.

This is what her mom softly sang songs to her about; a fresh blooming Spring flowerbed! Suddenly her very "bee-ing" is overwhelmed by a smell which brings on a most joyous mood.

Excited she flies from flower to flower, gathering pollen and nectar, every bee's favorite food!

With her collection soon completed, a moment's rest on a tree branch to again take in all the wonder around:

The cool feel of a breeze, joyous sound of singing birds, watching seeds as they float to the ground.

With a promise to soon return, the little "new-bee" gives her flowerbed friends a wing wave farewell.

She flies back up the water courses to her hive, now with a tale of a "First Spring Flight" to tell!

Grade 6

Kaelyn Schmitt
Colchester Garden Club, Connecticut

“Oak Tree” **HM**

An oak tree stands tall.
Its seeds drop gently from high.
Growing brand new life.

Grade 7

Hannah Geller
Framingham Garden Club, Massachusetts



“The Garden”
Pink flowers
Green trees
Rain showers
Yellow bees
Weeds and dirt
Green and brown
Get on my shirt
After I sit on the ground
This is where
We all play
Out in the garden
Every day

Pacific Region

Kindergarten

Gillian Brooks

Sunny Hills Garden Club, Oregon



“Explore and Decorate”

Touch and feel, look and see, make something.

I like the tree moss because it is soft and strong.

**One day I made a nest out of tree moss.
A bird found it and made a home for her eggs.**

When the babies hatched, they liked the nest too.

It was string, sturdy, soft and warm.

It was a perfect place for a first home!

I mixed some water with soil and made a mud pie

And decorated it with pebbles and flower petals

but the birds didn't want any, they wanted to learn how to fly!

Grade 4

Jeneviev Ramos

Pecan Grove Garden Club, Arizona



“Walking Nature”

Bees, trees, and nice fresh breeze.

Pretty plants and some ants.

Sunny bright skies and fluffy white clouds

I smell fresh cut grass

As I walk to my class

The garden

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Daisies are beautiful

Tulips are too.

Every flower is different,

Just like you.

Aqua

Water is good for you

To drink and to view.

All animals and nature need it,

Not just you.

Rivers and water fall

Oceans views are beautiful

Just like you.

Grade 5

Bellatrice Mendez

Pecan Grove Garden Club, Arizona

“Nature is Changing”

HM

The bees are buzzing

Flowers are blooming

Seeds are growing

Like the seasons, nature is changing

The weather is breezy

The sounds of the ocean waves

The sunset shimmering

The campfire sizzling

Like the seasons, nature is changing

The snow on the ground

Hot coco steaming

Weather is freezing

Like the seasons, nature is changing

The autumn leaves are falling

The weather is cooling

Tree leaves colors are changing

Like the seasons, nature is changing

Grade 6

Ella Stephan

Pecan Grove Garden Club, Arizona

“The Beauty of Nature”

HM

As I walk down the path of nature

I spotted

The real beauty of it.

I could smell the beautiful fresh morning air.

I could see the beautiful fresh flowers bloom.

**I could hear the beautiful song that the birds
sing.**

But most of all the beautiful big trees.

Its big leaves covered me like an umbrella.

**I felt the fresh morning breeze through my
skin and hair.**

Now I was calm, peaceful, free and relaxed.

Now my mind was clear.

I know there was nothing to worry about.

This is truly the beauty of nature.

Grade 7

Kinley Miller

Pecan Grove Garden Club, Arizona

“Little Seeds” **HM**

Every evening I go for a walk
But this walk, this particular walk,
I was depressed.
Along the pathway,
I began spotting petite little flowers.
As I continued jogging,
I saw them begin to get bigger and bigger.
After a while they got as big as my hand!
This is when I realized something.
Where could these flowers be coming from?
Seeds, little seeds.
How do they preserve this much?
Birds, rodents,
Rainstorms, haboobs,
Hurricanes, lightning strikes!
All of the forces of nature,
Fighting to destroy the tiny seeds.
We can do it too.
It's a sign for all of us,
Never, ever stop.
Keep persevering!
We can look to these seeds as our guide.

Grade 8

Taylor Wallace

Pecan Grove Garden Club, Arizona

“The Humming Bees”

HM

As the bees hum their tune the bears come
from the blue.

A sweet prize in store but a price will to be
paid.

A sweet honeysuckle or a gruesome sting?
The honeysuckle is always chosen but the bear
is never boasting because before he goes the
bees come and hum a march.

The price was paid, no reward was made but
still the bees hummed their working tune.

The tune passed on from the elders to the
babies never missing a beat.

But still all alone the bees finally rest
humming and beating their wings to the tune.

The hum of bees still.

And the bees rest their tired eyes to overcome
the working days and the army attacks.

But still, no one ever really knows the
humming of the bees.

Rocky Mountain Region

Grade 1

Luke Nelson

Neighborhood Garden Club, Utah

“Green Trees” **HM**

The tall trees are green
Like the grass way under them
In the hot summer.

Grade 3

Cree Webb

Neighborhood Garden Club, Utah

“Nature is All Around” **HM**

Nature’s all around you’ll see.
Everywhere you look it will be.
It’s on the ground, it’s in the air
Nature just is everywhere.
Well, go on a bike
And look all around you’ll see it there.

Grade 4
Lincoln Starr
Neighborhood Garden Club, Utah

“Nature What a Beautiful World” 3RD PLACE

**A small speck can become something mighty
a seed to a tree**

**What a wonder to me
a very small seed can climb so far
its branches ever reaching**

Perhaps up to a star

**A busy little bee on a mission each day
Working hard for its hive**

Work before play

**At the base of the tree
bright flowers are blooming**

**Zippping through crisp air
Bees pollinating and zooming**

A happy little stream

**Feeds trees, flowers, and animals each day
doing its part in nature
and reflecting sunshine’s ray.**

**The horizon is gleaming
the sun starts to rest**

Nature gets quiet

**the meadow gave its best
What a diverse beautiful world we live in
Respect Mother Nature and you will fit in.**

South Atlantic Region

Kindergarten

Madalyn Williams

Judy's Garden Club, West Virginia

“Gardening With Mom” 3RD PLACE

**I like flowers because they
smell beautiful.**

My mom helps me garden.

It makes me happy.

I see blues and greens.

**My brothers and sister help me
plant the seeds in the garden
to grow tomatoes.**

After the tomatoes grow

I like to eat them.

**I enjoy spending time with family
when we garden together.**

Grade 1

Quinn Broschart

Emma Scott Garden Club, West Virginia

“Sweet Bee”

2ND PLACE

I am a bee

I love honey

I think about nectar

I worry about stinging someone

I cry when I'm sad

I feel happy to get pollen

I get angry when people bother me

I like to fly

I can hear my buzz

I smell flowers

I see petals

I'm happiest when I make honey

I am a bee

Grade 2

Corrina Burkhart

Emma Scott Garden Club, West Virginia

“Sunny Honey”

HM

Flowers little round

Brown maple seeds need water

They grow into trees

Bees fly over fields

Find flowers and the nectar

Honey at the hive

Grade 3

Emma Kleintop

The Garden Club of Aiken, South Carolina

“Trees”

HM

Who can be long, tall or short

Who enjoys birds chirping

Who feels happy when it rains!

Who wonders how long will I live?

Who fears fires, pollution, lightning and axes!

Who cares about nature!

Who dreams of being a home for animals!

Grade 4

Emmie Bryce

The Garden Club of Aiken, South Carolina

“Nature’s Trees”

HM

Nobody can disturb them

All the animals are playing

Tall trees keep growing

Unlike a yard it’s totally wild

Running squirrels gather nuts

Everything benefits from shade

Soaring birds high in the sky

Tall and beautiful bushes

Rain drops from the leaves

Every piece of grass is important

Even the flowers are peaceful

So majestic and magnificent

Grade 7

Aubrey Zuccarell

Two Creeks Garden Club, Kentucky

“Finding Nature”

HM

Seeds they soar like leaves from trees.

How I adore the sun and the bees!

Bees how they buzz, they are strong just like trees.

From the root to the trunk,

From the branches to the leaves.

Its magic if you just believe.

Every type of nature, they're all around you,

You just have to find them like I do!

I find seeds in the garden where they learn to grow.

I find bees in the flowers, with the lovely, scented glow.

I find trees in the forest with birds, bugs and seeds.

You look and listen, you'll find them, yes indeed!

All of this nature. Oh my! Quite a lot!

All types that are just for you to spot.

Seeds, trees and bees, intertwined.

So much diversity for you to find!

Grade 8

Barbara Haigler

Rose Garden Club, South Carolina

“Birds, Bees and Squirrels Between” HM

**Nature is very diverse
It has many things in store
One of which is a tree
That is planted at the floor
It started as a seed
And grew into much more
Now it’s the home of lots of things
Like birds and bees and squirrels
It has nests for birds
And hives for the bees
And squirrels live somewhere in between
They all have fun playing all day
They find their food and live their day
When it comes time for them to sleep
They fly or buzz or run
To their nest or hive or in between
And when they go to sleep at night
They have dreams that make them smile
Not fright
This is why nature is so diverse
And some of what it has in store
Hope you learned a little about the trees**

And the birds and bees
And squirrels that lie in between

South Central Region

Grade 1

Ameer Farraj
A & M Garden Club, Texas

“Bees and Bunnies”

HM

The yellow bees buzz,
While they drink their honey,
Something hops in the bushes
It’s a small, brown bunny
Nature is full of life.

Grade 3

Karlee-Dean Shanks
San Saba Garden Club, Texas

“A Unique Animal” HM

Butterflies are beautiful creatures
Under a tree limb they hang
Trees are full of them
They are special
Every butterfly is unique
Really shy with people so just observe
Flies everywhere just to share joy
Lays on the grass under the sun

**I love the pattern in their wings
Every butterfly is so different
So, keep your eyes open for
every unique butterfly.**

Grade 4

**Alana Fiocchi
Abilene Garden Club, Texas**

“Nature Adventure”

HM

**This is for the adventure seeker,
The one who’s the treasurer keeper.
Out and about looking for things to do,
Collecting nature and finding a clue.
Animal prints lead to a creek
Then looking up to see the peak.
Just above the sky is high
With animal clouds I spy with my eye.
I like the water to bounce on my feet.
It makes me dance and get a beat.
While there, it would be my wish
That I could catch a big fish.
The sun shines bright upon the land
Making seeds sprout with God’s right hand.
I love flowers and climbing trees
Butterflies, bugs, and honey bees.
Sunflowers so tall and yellow
Attract a bee, a funny little fellow.**

The bees buzz around their hive,
Always so busy and alive!
The bees' amazing flying wings,
But watch out for their stings.
Be still like a flower stem,
And don't try to bother them.
Their fitted patterns of honey comb
Work together as a dome
To make the bees a happy home,
A habitat from which they roam.
I know I am just a child,
But I sure do like the wild.
All creatures big and small
Glad God made them all!

Grade 5

Fiza Dhosani
A & M Garden Club, Texas

“One With Nature” **3RD PLACE**

Freshly planted seeds
Slowly growing into tiny trees
There's buzzing everywhere
The bees are flying high in the air
Bright green trees swaying left and right
Tall and small glowing in the light
Little flowers are on the ground
Blue, purple and pink all around

**The seeds grow into beautiful flower trees
They all get pollen by the bees
Nature brings everything together
Thank God for this miraculous treasure**

Grade 6

**Salam Noor Farraj
A & M Garden Club, Texas**

“Harmony Seeds

3RD PLACE

**Fall dawns on the forest,
A fresh breath quite unlike anything else,
Reborn once again, beautiful and unique,
Into the forest.
The unheard have preparations,
For many shed their leaves,
In a beautiful carpet.
For them, letting go is a way to survive.
As trees rain down their gold,
Squirrels hurry to collect their bounty,
Foxes scavenge for berries among the trees,
Struggling to finish before the cold sets.
Every single creature knows what is ahead,
Each working to get their part done,
And the forest is now in perfect harmony.
Busy and on the verge of change.**

Grade 7

Gracie Nichols
ARP Garden Club, Arizona

“Maple Tree” **HM**

On the awakening of a Sunday morning
I leaped to the smell of sweet honey!
From the backyard where the grass is so green
and the air is so fresh
I guided my way to my special spot,
the maple tree
All of the backyard is so green
Except for that maple tree!
The reason I love this tree is because
I grew it with my very own seeds
The breeze was so nice
On this beautiful day
All I did was stare into the blinding blue sky
I could not look away
The flowers are so bright after the bees!
Like the maple tree in the breeze
Why an I so happy to see the diversity
in the nature
In this lovely place

Grade 8

Callie Brown

ARP Garden Club, Arizona

“Spring Harmony” **HM**

Oh my,

The sound of the bees

Buzzing around the trees

Waiting for flowers to bloom from their seeds

Oh how I love the diversity of nature.

Grade 9

Laila Farraj

A & M Garden Club, Texas

“Nature’s Heartbeat” **2ND PLACE**

If you’re quiet enough,

Maybe you can hear,

The steady thump thump,

Of nature’s heartbeat.

The gentle whizz of a hummingbird,

Fluttering near a flower,

The soft crashing nearby,

Of a waterfall.

If you listen closely,

The gentle thrumming

Will fill your ears,

The sound of nature's heartbeat.
Fat bears rumble across the dirt,
Ready to sleep.
Angelic white flakes fall from the sky,
Decorating the ground like confetti.
Nature is all around us,
Pulsating with life.
And if you listen close enough,
You can hear nature's heartbeat.

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