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To: District Superintendents of all Government Schools and Superintendent of Independent Schools, Principals of Government and Independent Schools, Youth, Organizations, President of the College of The Bahamas, Director of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services, Manager of Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, Service Clubs, Adult Artists/Craftspersons, H. M. Prisons (Male and Female Divisions) And Community Cultural Organizations.

FOR INFORMATION - All Heads of Art, Home Economics, Woodwork and Industrial Arts Department of the aforementioned institutions, and interested individuals and organizations.

National Art and Craft Exhibition of The National Arts Festival 2015

The Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture, through the auspices of the Organizing Committee of the National Arts Festival, invites participation in the National Art and Craft Exhibition from Bahamians and persons who have resided in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas three months prior to the May 31st, 2002 deadline for submission of entries.

Goals of the Exhibition

- a. Promotion of **art and craft** as an indispensable vehicle in recording and transmitting the cultural values of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas;
- b. Development and preservation of uniquely Bahamian **art and craft** expressions;
- c. Experimentation with different visual art forms and media in the evolution of personal artistic expressions;
- d. Inspiration of originality and the application of sound design principles and craftsmanship;
- e. Encouragement of production of art and craft works as both a means of self-expression and for monetary reward.

Rules and Regulations

Qualification for entry: Persons aged 5 to 18 years are eligible to enter the Youth Section of the National Art and Craft Exhibition. Those over 18 years should enter the Adult Section.

Entry Categories

1. **Youth Section** This includes -

- a. Three school - age categories:
Group A - Primary (5 to 11 years)
Group B- Junior High (11 to 14 years)
Group C - Senior High (14 + to years)
and
- b. Non-School youth organizations. These should submit **art and craft** works within the age categories stipulated above for schools.

II Community Section. This caters primarily to adult artists/craftpersons,
College of the Bahamas students and members of community cultural organizations.

Theme and Media

There is no specific theme for this year's exhibition. Artists and craftpersons are free to choose any visual arts media to convey their ideas. Works entered should have imagery which reflect the Bahamian cultural heritage (such as religion, social and economic aspects, the creative arts (music, dance and drama) junkanoo, sports, and our natural and man-made environments. Imaginary themes of high standard relevant to the Bahamas will also be accepted.

Categorization and Classification of Works of Art and Craft

There are forty (40) categories of art and craft, which are sub-divided into various classes and include the following:

Drawing	Junkanoo art
Painting	Millinery
Printmaking	Fabric Printing
Photography	Fashion Design
Ceramics	Strawcraft
Sculpture	Textile design
handicraft	Woodcraft

Opportunity is afforded artists/craftspersons to express themselves in a variety of media and styles, giving the widest possible scope to their imagination.

Awards

Prize - certificates will be awarded in forty (40) categories to signify levels of attainment: First, Second, Third and Honourable Mention.

Trophies for meritorious art and craft works will be awarded to the following:

1. The Most Accomplished Art and Craft Student - Primary Division
2. The Most Accomplish Art and Craft Student - Junior High Division
3. The Most Accomplish Art and Craft Student - Senior High Division

These awards will be based on the most awards won by a student in the various categories.

The Primary, Junior High and Senior High Schools which amass the greatest number of certificates will receive the **“HORACE KENTON WRIGHT MEMORIAL PLAQUE for EXCELLENCE in ART AND CRAFT”**

Selection of Works, Schools and Youth Section

Heads of Art Department, or Art and Craft Instructors in government and private schools may submit works which they considers their best. Leaders of youth organizations, coordinators of community centres and culture clubs etc., may follow the same procedure.

Adjudication of Works, Grand Bahama and Family Islands

Principals of schools, youth leaders, cultural organizations, and individual artists in the Family Islands who need assistance in selecting art and craft pieces for entry in this year's display may invite the officer responsible for art and craft at the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture to assist them. This selection process will occur during the general National Arts Festival Adjudications in Grand Bahama and the Family Islands.

Works of art and craft in this instance can be chosen by art instructors or heads of art departments in sufficient time prior to June 12, 2015. deadline, enabling the selected works to be sent to Nassau and shown in the National Art and Craft Exhibition.

The National Art and Craft Exhibition Committee will only exhibit works of a high standard.

Bahamian artists/craftspersons living in Grand Bahama, the Family Islands and overseas, who wish to participate in this year's display, may send their works to New Providence to arrive no later than September, 2015.

These packages should be addressed as follows:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture
P. O. Box N-4891
Nassau, Bahamas
Attention: Mr. Ellery Deveaux
Art & Craft Officer
Government Complex, Thompson Blvd
Nassau, Bahamas

Cost of packing and shipping art and craft objects for the general display must be done by the participants.

Entry forms and more detailed information may be collected from the Cultural Affairs Division of the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture, located at Government Complex, Thompson Blvd from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Works of art and craft which are to be displayed in the National Art and Craft Exhibition should be delivered by New Providence participants to Cultural Affairs Division of the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture, during the usual work days and hours previously mentioned.

For further information please contact the Cultural Affairs Division of the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture at telephone numbers 1 (242) 502-0600/5 or Fax 1 (242) 322-6546.