**(***Sample letter/announcement –* ***Home-school students***)

**Annual GFWC-WI Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest**

*(Name of GFWC Club)*

*(Date)*

To all 7th and 8th grade home-school students:

You are invited to participate in the GFWC-WI Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest that is open to all 7th and 8th grader students in public, private and home schools. This state contest, begun in 1927, honors the memory of Oshkosh-born Helen Farnsworth Mears, one of Wisconsin’s greatest sculptors. She is the first woman to have a sculpture of a woman in the US Capitol, Frances Willard. Her sculptures are also in the State Capitol in Madison, the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and national and state parks and museums.

(*Name of local GFWC club*) is sponsoring the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for the schools in (name of community). Our club recognizes the importance of the Arts in our community and encourages student artists through the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest. We have enthusiastically sponsored this contest for (indicate how many years) and continue to recognize outstanding student artists.

The details for this contest can be found at [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org/)/Community Service Projects/Arts/Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest. There is a Biography of Helen Farnsworth Mears, Contest **Rules**, **Entry** & **Permission** forms, Addendum Digital Art; all can be printed.

There are three categories:

* 2-dimensional art: drawing and painting
* 3-dimensional art: sculpture
* Digital Art (see Addendum)

There are also two classes with equal awards and prizes:

* Class A: students taught by an art teacher
* **Class B: students taught by a** classroom or **home-school teacher**

Your student artwork with **Entry Form** (attached on the back) can be delivered to the (*place*), (*date and times*) where all the artworks will be inventoried. The judging will be on (*date*) and the artwork will be exhibited at (*place and dates*). Place-winners’ artwork proceeds to District second-level judging on (*date*) and State third-level judging on (*date*) in (*city for GFWC state convention*).

We look forward to your participation in this historic GFWC-WI Art Contest.

Please feel free to ask any questions. Contact Chairman *(name), (email address), (telephone), (mailing addresses).*