

World Snake Day Art Competition

Launch date: 17th July, 2020

Deadline: 14th August, 2020

Age Categories:

- 8-12 years
- 13-16 years

Photographs provided:

- Saint Lucia Thread Snake
- Saint Lucia Racer Snake
- Saint Lucia Boa Constrictor
- Saint Lucia Cribo
- Saint Lucia Fer de Lance

Prizes:

Two 7 inch tablets (sponsored by Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust)

2 Sketch and drawing sets (sponsored by Eco South Tours Inc)

1 Acrylic Paint set (12 pcs) (sponsored by Eco South Tours Inc)

1 Artist Brush set (19 pcs) (sponsored by Eco South Tours Inc)

2 School bags (with PSEPA pens and water bottles; Fer de Lance exercise books) (sponsored by Saint Lucia National Trust)

Justification:

World Snake Day is an important day when it comes to increasing awareness about the different species of snake all around the world. Snakes tend to have a negative connotation. A lot of people are scared of snakes, and of course, we can definitely understand why!

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic the Saint Lucia National Trust alongside its partners, the Forestry Division and Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust are unable to host a public outdoor exhibition as is customary every World Snake Day. The aim of this art competition is to draw awareness to Saint Lucia's endemic snakes and to create an avenue of appreciation for snakes as a species.

We plan on targeting students who are at home on vacation break and whose activities have been curtailed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is fitting that the two top prizes are 7 inch tablets as we were forced into a world of virtual learning, where many students and parents were caught unprepared. The Art kits will certainly keep the students occupied during their vacation days or come in handy when they return to school.

Rules and Regulations:

- Photographs of all artwork must be submitted by the deadline via email to assistantsouth@slunatrust.org or education@slunatrust.org.
- Participants must state their full name, age category and say which snake is being featured in the artwork.
- All artwork must be that of the Saint Lucia Endemic Snakes photographs which will be posted on the Trust's Facebook page.
- A panel of judges will select the best 4 artwork from each category to be posted on the Trust Facebook page for voting.
- SLNT reserves the rights to publish and/or use any photographs received via this competition on their social media platforms or print media.