

Co-op Bank's 75th Anniversary Art/Poster Competition a Success

As part of the bank's 75th anniversary, which is being celebrated this year the Grenada Co-operative Bank, held an Art/Poster competition. Youth development has been one of the main areas of the Bank's community involvement and has had its support over the years. The competition was launched at an official ceremony on October 27, 2006. Speaking at the ceremony, Marketing Officer, Mrs. Samantha Ince-John said, *"The competition was one of the ways to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Bank and looking ahead to the next 75, we feel compelled to involve our youth and provide an activity that will enhance their holistic development. Whilst the avenues to showcase scholastic and athletic achievement are well established, those for our creative students are less known. It is intended that this art/poster competition will present one such opportunity to allow the expression of creativity among our youth and provide an avenue to recognize and reward their efforts. It is against this backdrop that we are offering attractive prizes for the individual students and their schools. We trust that the art/poster competition will be of great merit to the participants and it is with great anticipation we wait to see the interpretations and expressions of the theme **"Co-op Bank shaping your dreams now and in the future through thrift and industry"**."*

The competition which was held in conjunction with the Ministry of Education was open to all students in Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique in four age categories namely: Primary School 5-8 years, Primary School 9-11 years, Primary School 12-16 years and Secondary School all ages. Over 50 entries were received and judged and a formal prize giving ceremony was held on June 28, 2007. Winners were each awarded a Co-op Bank "Honey Bee" junior savings accounts valued at \$500, \$300 and \$250 for first, second and third place respectively. Also, entries in the next five positions each received a consolation prize of \$150. In addition, to the individual prizes the school attended by the first place winner in each category received a 'Certificate of Achievement' as well as a large kit of art supplies to further develop the art programme in the respective schools.



1st place winner Anderson Mitchell (left) of Grand Roy Government School in the 12 – 16 year category showing his winning entry to another student during the prize giving ceremony



Mr. Roger Duncan, Business Development Officer presenting the Art Teacher of the Happy Hill R.C. School with a certificate and Art Kit for first place in the Primary 5-8 years category

The teachers were in high praise of the bank for having held such a competition and were happy to see a prize being offered to the school in addition to the individual students. The students also were very excited about the competition and being recognized for their efforts. To further promote the competition the bank placed on public display, all the entries from Carriacou & Petite Martinique at the recently opened Carriacou Branch.



Proud winners Tamara Mc Sween of Holy Cross R.C. School (right) and Brianni Alexander of St. Andrew's R.C. School (left) 1st and 2nd place winners respectively in the primary 9-11 years category



Customers viewing the collage of entries on display at the bank's recently opened Carriacou Branch

Following is the list of the top three winners in each category.

Category	Prize	Value	Name of Student	School
Primary A (5-8 years)	1 st Prize	\$500.00	Kandia Joseph	Happy Hill RC School
	2 nd Prize	\$300.00	Rick Bethel	Petite Martinique RC School
	3 rd Prize	\$200.00	Kellie Knights	Hillsborough Government School
Primary B (9-11 years)	1 st Prize	\$500.00	Tamara Mc Sween	Holy Cross RC School
	2 nd Prize	\$300.00	Brianni Alexander	St. Andrew's RC School
	3 rd Prize	\$200.00	Donnelyn Hamilton	Grand Roy Government School
Primary C (12-16 years)	1 st Prize	\$500.00	Anderson Mitchell	Grand Roy Government School
	2 nd Prize	\$300.00	Dave Andrews	Calliste Government School
	3 rd Prize	\$200.00	Carla Lewis	Calliste Government School
Secondary D (all ages)	1 st Prize	\$500.00	Jesma Noel	Westmorland Secondary School
	2 nd Prize	\$300.00	Garvin Lewis	St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School
	3 rd Prize	\$200.00	Jeron McPhie	Grenville Secondary School