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Students Knocking Out Kudzu Art & Writing Contests

The Spartanburg Kudzu Coalition announces an art & writing contest open to all Spartanburg County students in grades 7-12. The winning art project will represent the kudzu vine in the presentation and may be in any material. The winning writing presentation about kudzu can be fiction, non-fiction or poetry and must also represent the vine in the presentation.

Juanitta Baldwin, an author on several books about kudzu, is sponsoring the Students Knocking Out Kudzu Writing and Art contests. Ms. Baldwin says “I commend the fine work of the Kudzu Coalition, and all the others in Spartanburg who are involved, in eradicating kudzu without harming the earth. It is a privilege to sponsor the writing and art contests during the Coalition’s Kudzu Kapers. Among the contestants may be a budding capitalist who will one day be a household name for finding a solution to the kudzu problem.”

“The Kudzu Art & Writing contests allow us to expand our outreach to the students of Spartanburg. This is an educational opportunity and might initiate an environmental community service project in more of our schools,” says Newt Hardie, volunteer for the Kudzu Coalition.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first through third place in each contest. For official contest rules, please visit www.KOKudzu.com or see the art and English teachers in all Spartanburg County schools. Entries must be turned into the Spartanburg County Public Library Headquarters (Church Street) by 5pm on Monday, April 9, 2007. Winners will be announced at the Kudzu Kapers on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Magnolia Street Train Depot.

The purpose of the Kudzu Coalition is to inform and educate individuals, and organizations, that are interested in confronting the threat that kudzu presents to their community beautification investments. For additional information, please visit www.KOKudzu.com

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