

Envelope contest shows the comfort of HOME

Entrants from Kansas to South Africa illustrated, embellished and mailed their handcrafted masterpieces in the annual competition that celebrates the art of written correspondence. The Graceful

with the Washington Calligraphers Guild.

The 2015 theme, “There’s No Place Like Home,” inspired designs about skylines, “The Wizard of Oz,” Planet Earth, baseball and penguins, among the many other ideas that participants chose to showcase.

A trio of judges selected this year’s contest winners: professional calligraphers Marta Legeckis and Maureen Squires, and National Association of Letter Carriers Designer/Web Editor Mike Shea. They looked for creative interpretation of the theme, skill in lettering and illustration, clever incorporation of postage, and effective use of color and design, among other criteria.

The top prize was awarded to Hannah C. Holder of Knoxville, TN, for a skilled and creative entry that featured a homing pigeon carrying an important message. Other unforgettable entries translated the theme to include a variety of subjects, such as full refrigerators, Hogwarts and military service members.

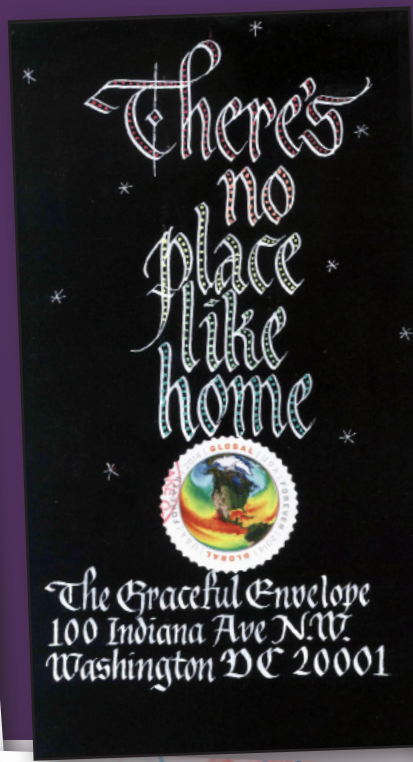
As always, the submissions themselves were envelopes that passed through the regular mail stream.

Out of about 100 entries received in the adult division, one envelope was

Best in show envelope by Hannah C. Holder of Knoxville, TN

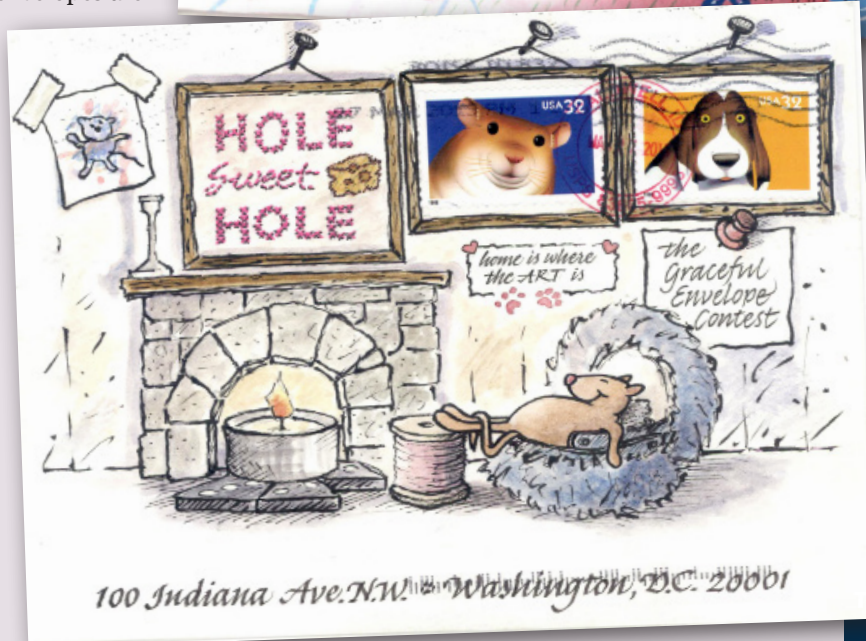


Envelope Contest, now in its 21st year, is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction



selected as "Best in Show," 11 more were selected as "Winners" and 15 were given the distinction of "Honorable Mention." The judges also picked student winners from more than 350 entries in grades 1-4, grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 youth divisions.

Some of the winning envelopes are shown on these pages and the back cover of this magazine. All winning and honorable mention adult entries are on display in the lobby of the NALC Headquarters building in Washington, and winning entries in all of the categories can be seen at calligraphersguild.org. Information about the 2016 contest will be published in a future issue of *The Postal Record*. **PR**



Five of the winning entries, from top l: Gerry Jackson Kerdok of Hudson, MA; Carol DuBosch of Portland, OR; Christy Robb of Morning Sun, IA; Nadejda Variouchitcheva of Nivelles, Belgium; and Dawn Rochelle Davis of Caldwell, ID.