The City of Prattville

Is pleased to announce the

Draw it — Paint it — Sculpt it

Art Contest

Be creative and show us your vision of this historically significant tree with its tangled and twisted branches.

Considered to be one of the largest yaupons, if not the largest yaupon, in the state of Alabama, this tree greets visitors to the Prattville Creative Arts Center and the Prattville Creek Walk with open arms. Its gnarly, twisting branches stretch out about 60 feet from the bank of Autauga Creek across the parking area of the Arts Center.

On sunny days, the tree welcomes families and photographers with a perfect photo opportunity and children have climbed its low hanging branches for years. The yaupon is a perfect hideout as well as a source of food for wild birds in the area or for those traveling through during migration.

Yaupon, or *Ilex vomitoria,* belongs to the holly family and is one of Alabama's most historic native plants. Native American tribes, including the Alabamas or Alibamu, for which the state was named, used dried or roasted leaves and twigs to brew a beverage called the "black drink." This drink was used in religious and purification ceremonies. The local Native American town located at the mouth of the Autauga Creek was called Atagi and was an Alabamas tribe.

Thanks to Tommy Brown, Bob Hastings, and the Alabama Forestry Commission for this interesting information about the Yaupon and the Native American heritage of this area.

Rules of Entry

Artist must be at least 18 years of age and no longer enrolled in high school.
Artwork submitted must be original work of the artist and not a copy of any other artist's work.
Two dimensional artwork must be no larger than 60" in any direction and no smaller than 8" in any direction.
Three dimensional artwork must be no larger than 6 feet in height, width, or depth
Any art medium other than photography will be accepted, including but not limited to, oils, acrylics, watercolor, gauche, pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, pastels, oil pastels, clay, metal, wood, plaster, glass, mixed media.
Deadline for entries is April 27, 2012.

Submit entries by mail to: Prattville Cultural Arts & Special Events
101 West Main Street
Prattville, AL 36067

Or by hand delivery to: Prattville Cultural Arts & Special Events Office
203 West Fourth Street
Prattville, AL 36067

For more information call 334/358-0297

All creative people are invited to be a part of this contest.

If you love to doodle and to express yourself creatively, show us your vision of this wonder of nature.

If you have not drawn or painted since high school, now's your chance to get back into it.

$100 cash award to winning entry

Submission Deadline April 27, 2012