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Dear Graceful Envelope Artist:

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that your envelope has been selected as one of the children's division winners of the 2011 Graceful Envelope Contest, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and administered by the Washington Calligraphers Guild.

This year marks the 17th year of the contest, and the theme--Time Flies--inspired many creative entries. Your winning entry was a work of art that undoubtedly delighted everyone who saw it, from the postal clerks and letter carriers who processed and delivered your envelope, to the trio of judges who selected this year's winners of the Graceful Envelope Contest: professional calligrapher Peggy Schiefelbein, whose clients include the National Gallery of Art, Freer and Sackler Galleries of the Smithsonian and the Folger Shakespeare Library; Shane Perry, calligraphy faculty member at the Smithsonian Institution and 2006 Graceful Envelope Contest best-in-show winner; and Alfredo Ratinoff, an internationally acclaimed ceramicist and Smithsonian faculty member.

They were so impressed by all the entries that it was difficult to select the finalists, but in the end they named these winners in the children's division:

Dominic Baker  
Autumn Bracey  
Olivia Bunton  
Lyndsey Cooke

Katie Cota  
Margeaux Gould  
Lauren Graham  
Bernadette Hensley

Clare Henson  
Bucky Kaiser  
Avery Macke  
Lilly Murphy

Jennifer Mynard  
Kara Nienhaus  
Mikayla Reilly  
Mike Staely

The winning envelopes will be on display online at [www.calligraphersguild.org](http://www.calligraphersguild.org) beginning August 5. Please check this site for announcement of the 2012 contest, which we hope you will enter.

On behalf of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Washington Calligraphers Guild, thank you again for sharing your artistic talents. We wish you an inspirational year of receiving and sending artful mail.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Swerdloff  
Graceful Envelope Contest Coordinator  
for the Washington Calligraphers Guild