

Good Afternoon Auxiliary Members,

I can't believe it is already July 21, 2006. The new school year is rapidly approaching and we have a new date for Illustrating America Art. The new date is **December 15, 2026**, the art work must be turned into your auxiliary. It is due to the Department Chairman no later than **January 15, 2027**. My address is 2354 Lafayette St SE, Albany, OR 97322 and the Linn Post 584 Auxiliary address is 1469 Timber St SE, Albany, OR, 97322. I would prefer it if you would send it to my home address.

Therefore, you need to get your letters out to the schools and other organizations at the beginning of the school year to give children ample time to prepare their art work. I recommend that you try to send the information to the participating art teacher. I am finding that some of the teachers never receive the information from the office. I send out about 80 letters a year to local grade schools, middle schools, church youth groups, YMCA, libraries, etc. Along with the Illustrating America forms I send a letter introducing myself, when the due date is, and the amount of the awards for each category. I recommend that you ask some people in your auxiliary to help you get the word out I get a lot of help from my auxiliary.

If you need any help with this please contact me, I would love to help you. I have been in charge of this program for about five years at my auxiliary. My email is barutie@comcast.net and my phone number is 541-971-5208. Good luck with this program it is very rewarding to see how children create art.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Martin
Department Youth Activities Chairman