

Thanks, Mom

Coast Weekend contest celebrates mothers

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In April, Coast Weekend asked readers to submit original art pieces in honor of Mother's Day for the second Lockdown Lowdown contest.

The contest received submissions from 10 residents who live in either Oregon or Washington state. Each entry shows a unique take on Mother's Day, which is why all of the entries are featured this week.

Some entries feature photos of mothers, while others are of meaningful possessions. Creations include paintings, sketches, poetry and embroidery.

Jan Bono, of Ocean Park, Washington, won first, Dayle Olson, of Cathlamet, Washington, won second place and Nichole Lopez, of Astoria, won third place, by receiving the most votes for their submissions. They will be receiving gift certificates good for either Buoy Beer Co. in Astoria or The Depot Restaurant in Seaview. The gift cards are funded by a grant through Northwest Oregon Works and Oregon Coast Today. Bono submitted an original poem titled "Mariner Mom" in honor of her mother, who loved attending Seattle Mariners games.

"As soon as I started reading your column this week, I was struck by an immediate image of my mother and I together Safeco Field watching the Mariners play on nearly a dozen Mother's Days," Bono said. "In fact, when she passed, I arranged for her to be buried on the Home Season Opener, as an extra reminiscence."

Olson submitted an original painting of a mother with the phrase, "Mothers put us on the path to who we become."

"My mom has always encouraged and nurtured my creative pursuits and believes that whatever I dream is possible," Olson said.



Jan Bono and her home. Bono wrote a poem about her mom.

Mariner Mom

Take me out to the ball park
Said my mother every year
Then she'd opt to start with garlic fries
Instead of iced cold beer.
She'd always root for the Mariners
Knew every player by name
Could tell by the stats she quoted
She watched every televised game.
But she loved 'her boys' the most
Rooting there among the crowd,
And when one of them hit a homer
Mom was banner-waving proud.
She ate her way 'round the concourse
At Safeco's 'Level Two'
She must have had a hollow leg
For burgers, pizza, and peanuts too.
Every Mother's Day in person
She yelled and clapped her hands
Cause her boys always played their best
When MOM was in the stands!

— Jan Bono

Lopez submitted a charcoal drawing she made for her mother.

Lopez said, "I gifted this drawing to my mom a few years ago. She wanted me to make her something that reminded her of home so I did one inspired by the Columbia River."



A painting by Dayle Nelson.



A drawing from Nichole Lopez.

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