



# POKE SALAT ANNIE ART CONTEST



*Bring Annie to Life Through Your Art*

## CONTEST OPEN TO:

Students in **7th–12th grade** (School or Homeschool)

## THE CHALLENGE

Create your own interpretation of **Poke Salat Annie**

## YOUR GOAL

Show us:

- Who is Annie?
- What does she look like?
- What is she wearing?
- Where is she?
- What is her world like?
- What is she doing?

## ABOUT ANNIE (FROM THE SONG LYRICS)

- Based on the song lyrics of Polk Salad Annie by Tony Joe White – you should listen to it before you start your design.
- She picked poke weed and cooked it for supper because *“that’s about all they had to eat.”*
- Her family was living in poverty.
- She lived in Louisiana in tough, rural conditions
- Because alligators are mentioned, it is believed she lived in a swampy area of Louisiana
- Her mother was on a chain gang
- Her father was described as lazy and no count
- She had to work hard from a young age
- She was resilient, strong, and hardworking
- She likely spent time outdoors gathering food in the heat and humidity
- She may have carried what she gathered in a basket, a poke (sack), or her hands

## ARTWORK

Complete an 8” x 10” or 11” x 14” canvas or wood panel with your interpretation of Poke Salat Annie.

Mediums Allowed: Pencil • Acrylic • Oil • Watercolor • Mixed Media

No digital or computer-generated artwork

## HOW TO ENTER

Submit a photo of your work to [growingwildevents@gmail.com](mailto:growingwildevents@gmail.com) before midnight, April 24, 2026. **Make sure it's a great photo that shows your work clearly and in its best light.**

## CONTEST DETAILS

All submitted artwork will be posted on the Poke Salat Festival Facebook page in one post on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Viewers will scroll through and “like” their favorites. The artwork with the most “likes” at 9 pm May 6<sup>th</sup> will be awarded the People’s Choice Trophy. (in case of a tie, the tied photos will be posted on May 7<sup>th</sup> in a different post for ONE DAY voting!)

## FINALISTS

A panel of judges will select three additional finalists. These four finalists will be invited to appear at the Poke Salat Festival – May 16th at 9:30 AM with their artwork.

## CATEGORY AWARDS

Judges will announce one winner in each category:

- **People’s Choice Award** *as chosen by the community*
- **Best Storytelling Scene** *Tells a story without words*
- **Most Creative Style** *Unique, artistic, and original*
- **Heart of Annie Award** *Captures her spirit and resilience*

**TROPHY AWARD TO ALL FOUR WINNERS!**

## **THE ANNIE AWARD**

From the four finalists, the judges will announce the winner of **The Annie Award!**

This award honors the artist who best:

- Brings Annie to life
- Places her in a believable world
- Shows her personality
- Tells her story through art

## GRAND PRIZE

The Annie Award winner will receive: **Trophy AND \$50 Cash Prize**

To enter, complete the application and submit it to [growingwildevents@gmail.com](mailto:growingwildevents@gmail.com) no later than midnight, April 24, 2026.

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## POKE SALAT ANNIE ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

### Artwork details:

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

### Guardian information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian initial \_\_\_\_\_ If chosen as a finalist, the artist will be able to attend the Poke Salat Festival award ceremony at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 16, 2026 in Downtown Arab.

### Mandatory release form: **MUST be signed by parent or guardian, or students 18 or older.**

I give permission for **Growing Wild Events**, parent company of the **Poke Salat Festival**, to display this artwork on social media for the purpose of community voting with no compensation to artist.

I understand that:

- Photos of the artwork may be used in promotional posts or compilations to encourage voting
- The artwork may be shared on official social media platforms associated with the event
- Photos and/or videos may be taken during the awards ceremony and used on social media to announce winners and promote the event

I acknowledge and agree to these terms.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a photo copy of completed form AND a clear GOOD photo of the artwork to:

[growingwildevvents@gmail.com](mailto:growingwildevvents@gmail.com) no later than midnight, April 24, 2026.

Encourage your friends and family to go to the Poke Salat Festival Facebook page and vote. Voting starts on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and ends on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 pm.