



Horseshoe crab watercolor collage by second grader Julia Kroplewnicki.

## Horseshoe crab exhibit at Nature Center

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Now through Labor Day, depictions of the horseshoe crab by children from all around the globe are on display in the Charlotte Van Leer Todd Environmental Education Hall at the Nature Center, on the shores of Cape May Harbor, at 1600 Delaware Ave.

The traveling art exhibition, entitled “Young Voices 2009, Horseshoe Crabs in the Arts,” comes from an annual juried art competition open to youth and sponsored by the Ecological Research and Development Group (ERDG).

The competition is open to students in grades pre-K through 12 around the world. In 2009, 35 young artists from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan were selected from among over 500 entrants. Their works include visual arts, short stories and poetry.

The aim of the competition is to emphasize the importance of horseshoe crab survival through art.

The exhibition will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A formal exhibition opening will take place August 5, during the Nature Center's "Eco-Festival Fun-Raiser," which runs from 5 to 8 p.m.

The opening will include a presentation on the horseshoe crab by Nature Center program director Sue Slotterback, as well as an ongoing horseshoe crab educational video.

"Eco-Festival" participants will also be invited to create horseshoe crab eco-art inspired by the works on display.

To learn more about horseshoe crabs and the "Horseshoe Crab and the Arts" competition, visit [www.horseshoecrab.org](http://www.horseshoecrab.org).

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