Competition Rules

Each team will have eight hours to build and complete their sculpture. All sculptures must be in a finished state, ready to be installed, with a base and fixture accommodations. A panel of three regional artists will judge each piece based on aesthetics, quality of workmanship, adherence to sculpture theme, durability and safety, and appropriateness for public display.

FDTC Welding Sculpture Competition - 2015 Theme "Nature"

The Welding Sculpture Competition is a non-profit cultural activity, free to the public, combining welding and fabricating skills with artistic aesthetics. The Competition will take place in downtown Florence during Arts International, in an eight-hour event, involving professional and amateur competitors from all over the Pee Dee. Teams of four artist-welders will compete against time and one another to create a full-scale metal sculpture from a large pile of donated steel scrap materials, using creative ingenuity and provided welding equipment. Teams must provide tools and safety equipment.

Teams that create/display the theme of "Nature" will be eligible for juror’s awards or prizes. Prizes sponsored by ESAB Welding & Cutting Products.

At the end of the competition, the sculptures will be judged by an independent panel of jurors, and winners chosen. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. All sculptures will be subject to purchase by the public through a Live Auction, immediately following the competition. The proceeds from the Auction will benefit the FDTC Welding Technology Student Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact: Jill Lewis at Jill.Lewis@fdtc.edu or call 843-661-8003.

Entry Fee: $250 per professional team; $150 per amateur team; and no entry fee for public school system teams.

Complete the entry form below and send it, with payment, to:
Florence-Darlington Technical College, Office of Institutional Advancement, P. O. Box 100548, Florence, SC 29502

Application Deadline: March 20, 2015

Entry Form

(One form per team)

Team Name ____________________________________________________________

School or Work ________________________________________________________

Team Leader #1 ________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________ Zip _________________

Phone __________________________ Email ________________________________

Team Member # 2 ______________________________________________________

Team Member # 3 ______________________________________________________

Team Member # 4 ______________________________________________________

I (we) agree to abide by the contest rules and safety requirements established by the contest organizers.

Signature of Team Leader # 1 __________________________ Date ___________

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Competition Schedule

Saturday, April 11, 2015

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. ................................................................. Booth set-up

7:30 a.m. .............................................................................. “Diving For Scrap”

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ............................................................... Sculpture Fabrication Period
(Lunch will be on your own. Tickets will be issued.)

4:00 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. .............................................................. Judging

4:30 p.m. ................................................................. Winners of Competition Announced/Live Auction Bidding

4:45 p.m. ................................................................. Booth Clean-up/Event Closes

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