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REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCES 2011 STATE HOUSE HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

State Representative Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk) would like to announce the 15th Annual Senior Citizens Artistic Interpretation of the State House Holiday Card Contest.

This year's contest, sponsored by the Secretary of State's office, consists of the theme 'December Holiday at the State House' and is open to all citizens who are 62 and over (individual does not have to be an artist).

Any medium of art is accepted and the size requirements are a minimum of 5"x7" to a maximum of 18"x24" with the State House being the focal point or included as part of the main theme. (You may also re-submit one previous entry along with your 2011 entry). All of the artwork should be matted as well as framed but if the artist is unable to mat or frame the entry, the Secretary of State's office will provide the matting using basic materials. Please be sure that all entries have the artist's name, address and telephone number printed on the back of the entry.

All entries must be received by the deadline of August 1, 2011 by being mailed or delivered directly to Dolores McCray, Commonwealth Museum, Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125 and will be judged by professional

artists. If you are interested in having your artwork also displayed on the website, a signed authorization form must be attached to the entry. The authorization form may be obtained online at www.state.ma.us/sec/trs or by contacting Representative Winslow's office at 617-722-2060.

This year's winning cards will be chosen to be reproduced and sold at the State House Gift Card with the artist's name printed on the card. The Office of the Secretary will retain ownership rights to the artwork only as a card. An Affirmation of Award will be presented to selected artists in a ceremony held at the Commonwealth Museum in early autumn at a date to be announced. At During the ceremony, artwork may be retrieved but if an artist is unable to attend the event, the Secretary of State's Office will gladly return their artwork to the artist.

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