

2027 CALL FOR QUOTATIONS



EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES

The deadline for submissions:
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

Embracing Our Differences is an outdoor juried art exhibition promoting inclusion, kindness and respect.

A critical part of the impact of the exhibit is the selected quotations from the general public that accompany each piece of artwork. The quotations give individuals in the larger community a chance to have their voices represented by expressing their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

The combination of art and the written word adds a deeper dimension to the overall experience. Since 2004, the exhibit has been viewed by more than 4.8 million visitors plus an additional 642,000 students.

Entries can be no longer than 20 words. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded for Best-in-Show Adult & Best-in-Show Student quotations. Below are some ideas to help stimulate thinking about the subject of embracing our differences:

- What does embracing our differences mean to you?
- Have you ever felt discrimination? What did it feel like?
- Have you ever been bullied? How did you feel?
- Have you witnessed someone being bullied? How did you feel?
- What have you done to stand up to hatred and prejudice?
- What are you looking for in a best friend?
- What would a perfect world look like?
- If possible, how would you change the world?

Submit entries online at
EmbracingOurDifferences.org

**The 2027 exhibit will be on display January through April in
Sarasota and St. Petersburg, Florida.**



“A seed of friendship is planted with a wave and a smile.”

André Hersom, 6th Grade
Sarasota, Florida

“Sometimes, the person you need to listen to the most is yourself.”

Harry Xu, 11th Grade
Pine View School, Osprey, Florida

“Ending hatred in the world begins with ending hatred in our hearts.”

Dana Choi, Herricks High School
Albertson, New York

“I color outside the lines and I still make something beautiful.”

Bella Jordan, 2nd Grade
Hermitage, Tennessee

“Kindness is a beam of light in the world of darkness.”

Dimka Pencheva
Gabravo, Bulgaria

“You’re perfectly you; there is no substitute.”

Ellie Goss
Waratah, Australia

“Choose the road that will leave you proud of yourself after you walk it.”

Kimberly Probus-Clark
Sarasota, Florida

“Children are the unread pages of the book of the future.”

Kim Farrell
Sarasota, Florida

“Beauty is not defined by your body but by your heart.”

Katherine DiMaggio, 8th Grade
Sarasota, Florida

