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NORTHERN FORUM CALENDAR TO INCLUDE YUKON STUDENTS' ARTWORK

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie is pleased to announce the publication of two Whitehorse youths' drawings in the 2006 Northern Forum calendar. The artwork of Helen Hedstrom-Langford and Roslynn Hycha were two of the entries selected from numerous submissions from Northern Forum member countries.

“We are very proud of Helen and Roslynn and their accomplishments,” Fentie said. “We feel the Yukon is well represented in the forum’s 2006 calendar.”

The art competition theme for the Northern Forum 2006 calendar was “To Save and Protect My Land, My Heritage.” Artwork was submitted by students from membership regions. All Yukon schools were invited to participate.

Hedstrom-Langford, a Golden Horn Elementary School student, has lived in Whitehorse all her life and is a piano and soccer player. She depicts her favorite animal, a seal, in her artwork.

Hycha, a Teslin School student and a member of the Raven Clan of the Teslin Tlingit First Nation, says she has been drawing since kindergarten because it’s a good way to express herself. She depicts her family’s hunting trips in her artwork.

The Yukon portion of the competition was coordinated by the Department of Education, the Executive Council Office and Tourism and Culture’s Arts unit. After being selected locally, Hedstrom-Langford’s and Hycha’s works were then reviewed by a jury of forum judges who made the final selections for the calendar.

“The calendar references main festivals and special events being held in the Northern regions in 2006, and will assist in marketing the Yukon to potential visitors,” Fentie said.

The 18-month calendar will start in July 2006 and end with December 2007, and will be printed this spring and distributed internationally.

The Northern Forum is a non-profit, international organization comprised of 20 Northern regional governments and addresses common political, environmental and economic issues. Fentie serves on the Northern Forum Board of Directors as Governor for the Yukon.

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Attachment: Hedstrom-Langford’s and Hycha’s winning artwork

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