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# Art competition to celebrate biodiversity

TO MARK its 125th anniversary, the Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club (TTFNC) is encouraging young people to celebrate TT's unique biodiversity through art.

The geography, climate and geological history of TT have blessed our country with an incredibly rich and diverse natural heritage. Nature is an integral part of our history and cultural heritage, and as such, the competition should engender national pride. The value of our natural heritage cannot be underestimated as it is vital for preserving natural resources and biodiversity, ensuring sustainable development, and helping mitigate the effects of climate change.

Launched recently, the TTFNC's nationwide Schools' Art



Competition calls upon children between the ages of five to 16 to focus their creative skills on representing the beauty and importance of our natural heritage: our native plants and animals, our protected habitats, and the value of even our smallest, often overlooked species – for example the insects and the fungi.

Each age category is presented

with a heading to spark inspiration. Younger artists (five - eight years) are asked to consider a favourite native species, while nine to 12-year-olds are encouraged to think about important habitats on our islands. The oldest participants (13-16 years) are given the club's ancient Latin motto as a starting point: "Nature is Greatest in the Little Things". After that, artists can take their piece in whichever direction they wish.

Prizes in each age category include digital cameras, binoculars and wildlife guides to aid the budding wildlife enthusiast, as well as art materials. Winning schools and schools with the most entries will also be rewarded.

The competition has the support of the Ministry of Educa-



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tion. Winners will be presented with their prizes at a public ceremony in July. Winning entries will be shared on social media, displayed during the club's other

birthday celebration events, and printed in the club's quarterly magazine, *The Field Naturalist*.

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- Secure machine keys and premises from the designated persons as well as information on possible breakages or faculty equipment.
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### QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Must have minimum 10 years casino management experience.
- Must have considerable knowledge in casino card games
- Must have considerable knowledge in card room operations.
- Must have considerable knowledge of Computer software such as Oasis, Fidelio & Atronic
- Must be able to speak Dutch

All applications should be forwarded to *Unsuitable Applicants will not be acknowledged.*

Applicants are also required to submit a copy of the application: Chief Manpower Officer, Ministry of Labour & Small and Micro Enterprise Development 50-54 Duke Place, Duke Street Port of Spain.

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# Engaging youths to spark inspiration

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The club has a history of recognising the value in combining natural history and art. Over the years several specialist groups have been established within the club, including an art group, which takes members on field trips and on museum visits as locations for drawing and painting.

Club secretary Amy Deacon observes that this group “has been very successful in encouraging members to combine their fascination with the natural world with their passion for art, the two go hand-in-hand extremely well. By looking at nature with an artists’ eye, you gain an even greater appreciation for its beauty and value, which is what we hope to achieve in schoolchildren through this exciting new competition.”

The art competition is the first of a series of events to mark this special anniversary for the club. Among other things, there will be an exhibition at the National Museum, Port-of-Spain, between May 20 and June 18.

Founded in 1891, the TTFNC is one of the oldest clubs in TT, bringing together those with a shared passion for the natural world. Membership is open to all, and members enjoy monthly lectures, hikes and field trips. The club is keenly aware that if it is to ensure its continuation for a further 125 years, engaging and enthusing young people will be vital.

### Competition details

There are three age categories: five to eight years, nine to 12 years and 13 to 16 years.

Submissions must be accompanied by an entry form

For more info and/or entry form: email [admin@ttfnc.org](mailto:admin@ttfnc.org) or visit their Facebook page or YouTube channel <http://tinyurl.com/ttfnc>, Kris Sookdeo: 749-9638 or Amy Deacon: 390-0826

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# ‘A Better Place’ to push for green community action

SUSTAIN T&T made waves with its 2015 film *A Better Place* at last year’s Green Screen Film Series. Now, the group behind it all is taking the movie on the road to help spread its message and inspire community action.

*A Better Place* is a feature documentary film in five parts taking the viewer to different communities in TT and exploring what people there are doing to make it a better place.

The inspiring film blends local stories with home-grown music featuring Black Loyalty, Freetown Collective, Gillian Moor, Ruth Osman and Solman. It was directed by award-winning director Miquel Galofré and produced by Carver Bacchus of Sustain T&T.

The film will be coming to five communities in May and June 2016, supported by workshop sessions where the public can learn more about how they can gain access to funding for environmental projects of their own, said a media release.

*A Better Place* is funded in part by the Global Environment Fund (GEF), Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and is also an outreach project to support the development of environmental activities in communities across TT.

“The objective is to inspire people to identify environmental challenges in their community and to actually do something about it. Often support is the issue – technical or financial. Through this project the UNDP is letting communities know that they are ready and willing to partner with them for a better Trinidad and Tobago,” Bacchus said in the release.

Sustain T&T is offering to help people who are part of a community group, have an environmental project idea, or need support to develop better project skills or apply for funding.

Everyone is being invited to see the film for free and participate in a capacity assessment workshop, where Sustain T&T will help to facilitate applications to GEF SGP UNDP, the release said.

### Screening venues:

San Fernando, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities

May 14 - 4 pm to 8.30 pm

Santa Cruz, San Antonio Green Market

May 21 - 4 pm to 8.30 pm

St Ann’s, Fondes Amandes Community Reformation Project

May 28 - 4 pm to 8.30 pm

Laventille, Success Laventille Secondary School

June 11 - 3 pm to 6 pm

UWI, St Augustine, Learning Resource Centre

June 18 - 5 pm to 8.30 pm

For more info: 745-6107 or email [sustaintt@gmail.com](mailto:sustaintt@gmail.com)



‘A Better Place’ documentary goes on a community tour from May 14.