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FROM: SGI-USA Future Division
SUBJECT: Elementary School Division (ESD) Summer Activities

We would like to share several exciting initiatives for our Elementary School Division (ESD) members in order to help them deepen their understanding of Buddhism and enjoy an even richer and more fulfilling remainder of their summer together.

NATIONAL ESD VIRTUAL ART SHOW “Trailblazers of Hope: My Adventure Toward 2030”

In order to provide an opportunity for ESD across the country to connect to each other by sharing their creative talents and skills, we will host a virtual art show during the summer that all ESD members are encouraged to participate in. The virtual gallery with all submissions included will go on display starting August 24, and a link will be provided that everyone can use to view and share the exhibition.

Art Show Theme: “Trailblazers of Hope: My Adventure Toward 2030”

Criteria: Create a drawing, painting, sculpture, or any other physical work of art that represents the hopeful theme to you. Art can be created by hand or digitally.

Timetable:

- Submissions due by August 14
- Exhibition begins August 24

Submission Guidelines:

- Artwork should be submitted as .JPEG file to esdartshow2021@gmail.com.
- Images should be a minimum of 300 dpi resolution and be the actual size of the artwork (ex: the file size of a drawing on letter sized paper should be 8.5 x 11 inches).
- All flat images should be cropped to only include the artwork and all 3-dimensional images and sculptures should have a white background unless the background is part of the artwork.

ESD SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Ikeda Sensei writes: “Books are tickets to far-flung destinations. They can instantly take you to any place in the world. You can visit every continent, and even travel into outer space” (*You Can Do It!*, p. 132).

With this in mind, and in order to support the growth and development of our ESD members, we would like to encourage ESD members to read as many books as possible during their summer vacation.