WINNER OF THE HILARY STEWART ART & ARCHAEOLGY COMPETITION  
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On December 17th I was pleased to present several prizes to Shazeen Mahmood, (a grade 4 student from Surrey, BC), the winner of the Hilary Stewart Art & Archaeology Competition. The winning illustration by Shazeen will be featured on a cover of The Midden later this year – hopefully in colour. Because the winning student was from the Lower Mainland, I was able to go in person to Cindrich Elementary School in Surrey to meet Shazeen and two of the other students in Mrs. Corinne Rossi’s grade 4 class whose artwork also made it into the top 10 entries we received this year. Special thanks to Corinne for all of the work she did in presenting our competition to her students!

This is the second time we have run the Hilary Stewart Art & Archaeology Competition, in honour of Hilary Stewart, a talented award-winning British Columbian author best known for the nine books she has written and illustrated on Northwest Coast First Nations cultures. The competition is designed to encourage the interest of young people in the Archaeology of British Columbia.

First prize includes a copy of one of Hilary Stewart's books, Cedar; a $50.00 cash prize; the winning artwork featured on cover of the ASBC's publication, The Midden; and an original drawing of a suite of Northwest Coast First Nations artifacts, provided by Hilary Stewart.

Ms. Stewart has generously provided a drawing for the prize winner each time we've run the competition, and Shazeen was excited to receive hers, which included illustrations of a hand maul, slate knife, awl, beads, and stone bowl, and several other artifacts.

This year's Competition was such a success that the ASBC executive decided at the last minute to award a small second prize of a copy of Hilary Stewart's book Indian Fishing: Early Methods on the Northwest Coast to Victoria Brawn, a grade 7 student from Kamloops BC. You can see Victoria's artwork, as well as the other 8 entries that made it to our top 10, on our web site www.asbc.bc.ca.

Thanks to everyone who participated. The Competition will run again in Fall of 2005 and will be open to children and youth between grades 3-12.

Congratulations Shazeen and Victoria and all of those of you who made it into the top 10 entries, on your fine illustrations! We at the ASBC wish you all the best in the future, and encourage you to continue to explore your interest in Archaeology.

Sarah Ladd  
President, ASBC