

The Skillman Foundation Presents

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Creative Parade Designs Come to Life

The Parade Studio was filled with smiling and excited faces as the 16th Annual Skillman Foundation winning float and balloon designs were unveiled.



brightly colored balloon with a 17-foot-long green stem, as it soars and sways above the crowd at this year's 81st America's Thanksgiving Parade®.

Two talented school girls were thrilled to see their artistic creations come alive for the first time!

Guadalupe Barrera, an 8th grader from Clippert Academy in Detroit and Kenyatta Dearing, a 4th grader from Fleming Academy in Detroit were this year's winning artists. ♦ Barrera's drawing of "The Dancing Flower Garden" inspired by Ballet Folklorico transformed into a life-size captivating float, and Dearing's drawing inspired a vibrant balloon named "Sunflower from the Community Garden."

This year, the contest was open to Detroit students, K-12, in hopes of encouraging school children to participate in a rewards-based

The winners: (L) Guadalupe Barrera, float winner, and Kenyatta Dearing, balloon winner, joined by (L) Carol Goss, president & CEO of The Skillman Foundation and Joan LeMahieu, president of The Parade Company.



- There were also Honorable Mentions: Float - Alejandro Morales, an 8th grader from Clippert Academy, with his "The Ambassador Bridge" float design;
- Jacqueline Richey, a 5th grader from Peter Vetal Elementary sent in her "Brightmoor Neighborhood" design. ♦
- Balloon - Christian Vieyra, a 6th grader from Clippert Academy with his "Piñata" design; and Willie Santiago, a 7th grader from Amelia Earhart Middle School with his "Pedro" creation.

Let's congratulate all the originaive and very artistic winners, and all the students who entered this year's contest!

See you all on Thanksgiving Day!

competition that is educational, fun and positively promotes Detroit. ♦ The students were invited to submit a drawing with a focus and strong concentration on the Foundation's Good Schools and Good Neighborhoods program areas.

On Thanksgiving morning, Guadalupe Barrera will accompany her Dancing Flower Garden float, featuring 9-foot-tall animated twirling dancers spinning 8-foot-wide flowing, multicolored skirts down the Parade path. ♦ Following close behind will be Kenyatta Dearing walking next to her 25-foot vivid and



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