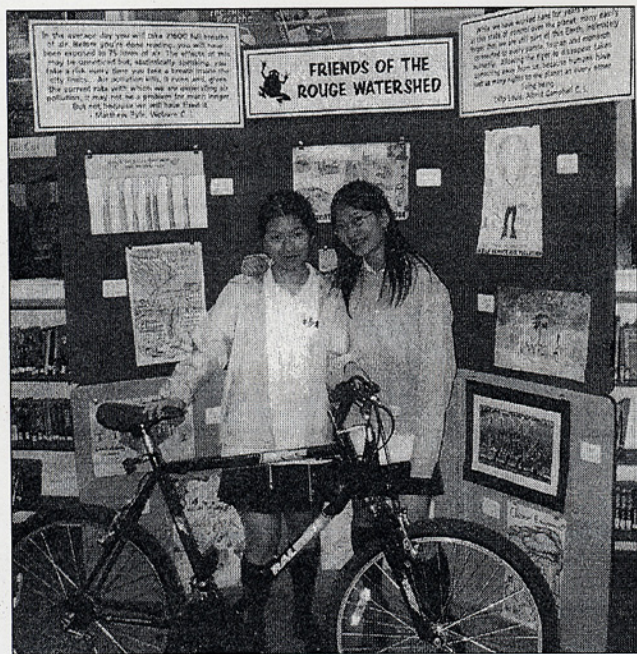


# Scarborough Students Speak Out Against Air Pollution



Vivien Wong (left) and friend Cindy Chao (right), grade 10 students from SATEC Porter. Vivien won the 1st prize mountain bike donated by Cyclepath

During Canadian Environment Week, Scarborough students and teachers were honoured for their environmental messages in the Clean Air poster contest hosted by Friends of the Rouge Watershed (FRW) and made possible by an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

On June 6th, an awards ceremony was held at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI for the top twelve student entries. Prizes were donated by local green businesses to encourage clean air activities, which included a Cyclepath mountain bike, MEC hiking pack, Cycle Solutions bike

helmets, and Green Tourism Association books.

The contest theme "Breathe Easier, Reduce Air Pollution" generated artwork to increase awareness and share youth views on air quality issues. Images focus on clean transportation, renewable energy, natur-

al areas, and actions to reduce air pollution sources and effects. Winning entries were selected from Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI, SATEC@W.A. Porter CI and Cedarbrae CI.

"Students have a strong understanding of air pollution causes and solutions. They realize the ecological, climatic and public health impacts of fossil fuel combustion and car dependence. They also realize that individuals and governments share the responsibility to protect and improve the air we breathe," says Tammy Chung, FRW Clean Air Projects Director.

Each year, Friends of the Rouge Watershed teaches thousands of students about the challenges of climate change and air pollution and the opportunities to conserve energy and harness renewable energy sources. Students help to 'do their part' by planting trees and wildflowers in the Rouge Park and by bicycling, walking and using public transit to reduce their automobile dependency.

To view the award-winning posters, please visit [www.frw.on.ca](http://www.frw.on.ca)