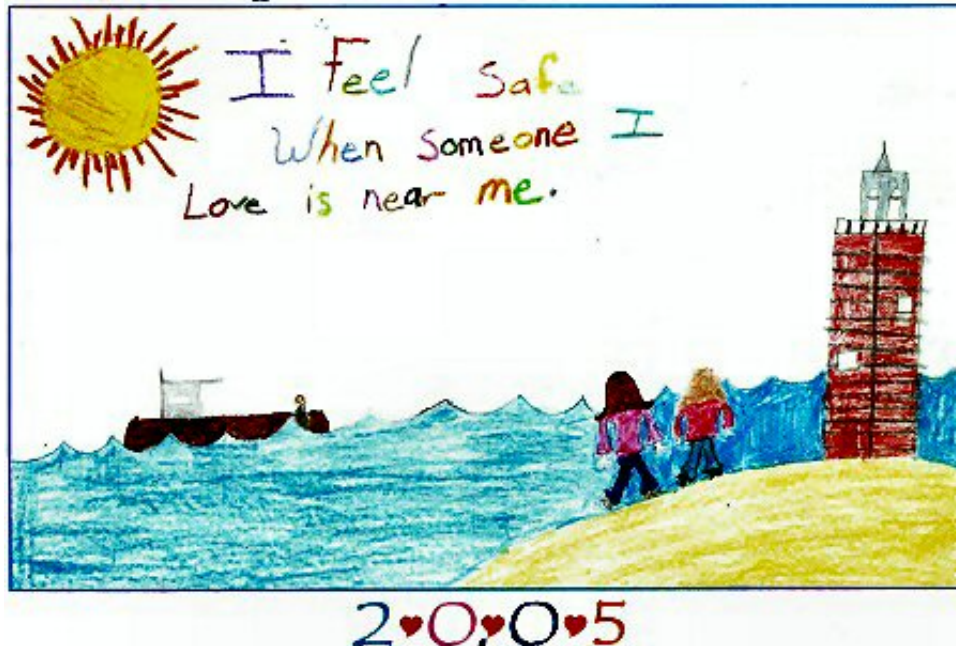


Winter 2005

Drawing Wisdom From Kids



YOUNG NELL ARTIST HONORED

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NELL Junior Member Lexis Foster was honored recently when her art work was chosen for the Groton, (CT) Campaign Against Child Abuse 2005 Calendar "*Drawing Wisdom From Kids*", sponsored by the Groton Department of Human Services Child Abuse Prevention Committee.

In 2004 Groton's third graders were invited to participate in a poster contest as part of the town's annual observance of child abuse prevention. Students were asked to draw pictures that depicted what it means to feel loved, special, important and safe in their school, family and community. From the more than 600 drawings submitted 12 were selected, one for each calendar page.

Lexis chose the shoreline near her home in Groton for her setting. Her picture shows two people standing near the **Avery Point Lighthouse** looking out into the harbor on a beautiful sunny day. Her picture is titled: "*I Feel Safe When Someone I Love is Near Me*".

Lexis, whose picture appears on the March 2005 calendar page, was honored a second time when her picture was also chosen for the front cover of the calendar.

Lexis is the granddaughter of NELL members Ron and Mary Jane Foster.

Congratulations Lexis!!



In October 2004 Kaitlyn Kenworthy, Eileens daughter, started taking Tae Kwon Do lessons at Just For Kicks Martial Arts School in her home town of Fishkill, New York and on Jan. 29, 2005 participated in her first inner school Tae Kwon Do tournament and won 3rd place for forms in her division. Here she is shown with her medal and her instructor Master Robert Blum 5th degree Black Belt.