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# Get Out



## Peep Show

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# Project Peepple

Just in time for Easter, readers show off their creative sides with some Peeps-based displays

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Who knew you could have so much fun with Peeps? And not gain an ounce?

We asked Kenosha News readers to get creative with the iconic pastel marshmallow candies.

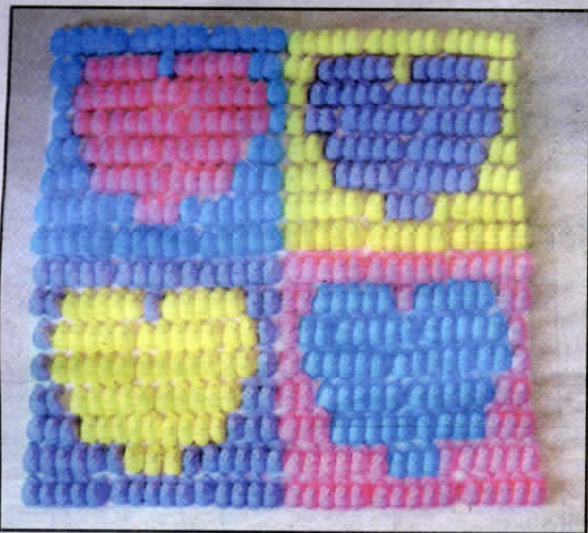
And you didn't disappoint us.

The Kenosha News Peeps Contest received entries ranging from a Peeper Cotton Tail crafted by a 10-year-old to an elaborate Peeps-centric re-creation of Miller Park.

Readers sent Peeps to the beach, the "Peepple's Court" and to a day of fun at "Peeps and Bounds."

We even had a history lesson with "We the Peeps" as we watched Peeps write the U.S. Constitution.

Here are the entries:



Susan Pechner of Kenosha Estates Living & Care Center crafted this Peeps project with some of the residents at the facility.



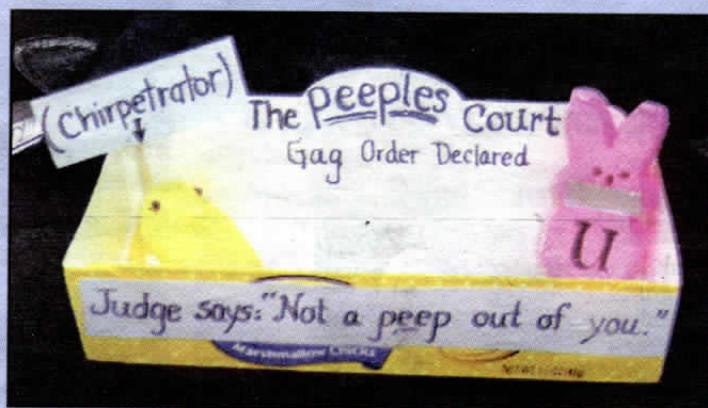
"We Care for Our Peeps" — Susan Pechner, left, the Alzheimer Care Director at Kenosha Estates Living & Care Center, created a quilt design, using Peeps as "caring hearts." Pechner said she and the facility's residents worked on the project together.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Patrice Hall poses with her creation, "The Famous Racing Peeps."

**FIRST PLACE:** "The Famous Racing Peeps" — Patrice Hall of Mount Pleasant loves the Racing Sausages so much "they made an appearance at my wedding," she says. Her creation — a miniature, Peeps-populated version of Miller Park complete with fans and the Racing Sausages — "was inspired by my love of the Milwaukee Brewers and especially the Racing Sausages." She added that the project required "a lot of glue, scrapbook paper, Peeps and a lot of patience."



"The People's Court" — Tom Geb — a Kenoshan who describes himself as "retired but never still!" — took his Peeps to court (complete with a gag order) in this send-up of TV's "The People's Court." (He's guilty of bad puns, including "chirp-etrator.")





**"Peepcorn" is the creation of Haley Curran, a huge fan of movies.**

**"Peepcorn"** — Haley Curran — a Kenosha resident who calls herself "the ultimate movie fan" — created this snack using yellow Peeps. "This is a crowd pleaser for those wanting munchies," she said.



**Hannah Weidner displays her "Peeper Cotton Tail"**

**"Peeper Cotton Tail"** —

Hannah Weidner, 10, left, sent in this photo of herself and her creation, a pink Easter Bunny covered with Peeps candies.



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## SECOND:

**"Easter Survivors on Vacation"** — Marie Christenson, 11, of Kenosha, created this Peeps project, featuring the seasonal candies enjoying a relaxing time at the beach over Spring Break.

**Marie Christenson, 11, used Easter grass for water and drink umbrellas for this beach scene.**



**"For All the Happy Peeps"** — Carrie Packard of Kenosha says, "If I can't root for the Packers, I'll root for the Peeps. Gotta love 'em." Her Peeps project has a green-and-gold theme saying "Go Peeps Go!"



**Carrie Packard of Kenosha calls her Peeps creation "For All the Happy Peeps."**

**Michelle Th... ing with My... around a car...**



**"We the Peeps"** — Tracey Pelishek of Kenosha calls her Peeps project "a sweet re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention." The wall in her Peeps work "is complete with the appropriate flag as well as a painting of the original 13 colonies. You'll notice Benjamin Franklin with his kite and key, George Washington-style wigs, as well as a Peep wearing a Thomas Jefferson type hat." To "give each Peep his own personality," she included things like eyeglasses, a monocle (her favorite), a pipe, a cigar, a rifle and even top hats. (Note: The table top "has some crumpled up first drafts of the Constitution as well as a teapot, teacups and two ink wells complete with feather quills.") She adds, "I had a ton of fun making it and am already trying to think of ideas for next year!"



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### THIRD PLACE:

"Camping with My Boys" — Michelle Thomas of Libertyville, Ill., sent in this entry, featuring Peeps gathered around a campfire. "This is a reminder of my three sons, when we would go camping and sit around the campfire and roast marshmallows. It brings back great memories," she says — ignoring the cannibalistic implications of having Peeps roast marshmallows!



### Kenosha News Peeps Contest

**Judges:** Kenosha News graphic artists Lisa Mowry and Bryce Ulmer

**Their comments:** "Everyone looks like they had as much fun creating their Peeps projects as we had judging them. Good job everyone! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the entries!"

**The winner:** "It was an extremely difficult decision, but our favorite Peeps display was the Peeps at Miller Park ("The Famous Racing Peeps" by Patrice Hall). Not only does this one have the local flair that is always fun to see when you are doing a contest like this, but you could see all the planning and preparation that went into every detail — even our favorites ... Bernie Brewer and the Racing Sausages."

**Second place:** "Peeps at the beach ("Easter Survivors on Vacation" by Marie Christenson) was our second favorite. With summer right around the corner (or starting a bit last week), it was fun to see another highly detailed display. Everything about this is fun — summer, swimming, boating, volleyball and even a little snack shack complete with a place to sit and eat."

**Third place:** "It looks like we can't get enough of the summer themes. 'Camping with my Boys' (by Michelle Thomas) was our third favorite. We liked the use of the other types of candy while keeping the Peeps as the main attraction."

**The prizes:** Our three winners will receive a Peeps Prize Package. And they — and everyone who entered the contest — gets a Kenosha News Twitter T-shirt. You can pick up your prizes at the front desk of the Kenosha News starting March 30.

"Peeps and Bounds" — Laura Lehman of Kenosha sent her Peeps to "Peeps and Bounds" — complete with games, pizza and popcorn. Her Peeps brought along their "baby Peeps" (Peepettes?) for the fun and games. Details include balloons, those "bouncing balls" for Peeps play and colorful tube slides.



Hannah Sorensen

Finally, I worked again this year with my fellow "Peeps artists" Karen Sorensen and her daughter, Hannah, to craft our own Peeps creation — "Hippie Peeps" — which was not eligible to win any prizes in our Kenosha News contest but which was entered in the Racine Art Museum's third annual International Peeps Competition. (Where it also will not likely win anything, but Peeps artists work for the love of their art, not for prizes. Right?)

Thanks, everyone, for entering our contest, and we hope you all get to Racine to see this year's art museum contest. There's always something surprising that will have you saying, "I didn't think Peeps could do that!"

### If you go

**What:** Racine Art Museum's Third Annual Peeps Exhibition

**When:** April 6-22

**Where:** Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St. in downtown Racine

**Opening reception:** The museum is hosting an artists' reception and awards ceremony 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 5. All artists who entered pieces in the museum's contest received two free tickets to attend; additional tickets are \$5.

**Free First Friday:** Museum admission is free 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 6 as part of downtown Racine's First Friday event. (Regular museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens (over age 62), \$3 for young adults (12-18) and full-time students and free for children under age 12.)

**Vote:** Visitors can vote for their favorite Peeps creation to win the coveted "PEEPle's Choice Award."

**Information:** [www.ramart.org](http://www.ramart.org)