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London "Lo" Gonzalez' artwork was number one in the City's Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off t-shirt design contest. This Saturday, April 26, the 200-plus volunteers who have signed up to beautify Burleson will be wearing t-shirts sporting Gonzalez' winning design.

The Hughes Middle School student got the news April 17 while she was in the choir room.

"The girls in the choir gave her a standing ovation then started singing for her," David Lenartowicz, environmental specialist for the City, said. Lo's mother, grandfather and grandmother were at the school for the announcement.

Keep Burleson Beautiful, a non-profit organization, had between 100 and 150 entries to choose from. They picked the best three t-shirt designs from each school, then put those together.

"Her design really stood out," Lenartowicz said. "Not only was the artwork great, but we thought it was a great concept that really represented the message that Keep Burleson Beautiful wants for our community."

Gonzalez' artwork features a human hand, and a tree branch, entwined to create a heart.

Expect to see a lot of the green t-shirts Saturday for the 16th annual Great American Cleanup / Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off event hosted by Keep Burleson Beautiful. Cleanup activities start at 9 a.m. and wrap at 11 a.m. Participants will remove litter and debris from retail corridors, drainage channels, streets, parks and other public areas. Following the cleanup, volunteers are invited to Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave., for a free pizza lunch and raffle prizes.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome but youth participants are required to have adult supervision. To receive a free t-shirt, volunteers are asked to register. You can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/1npxsxX>.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American

Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. During the Great American Cleanup, volunteers' work nationwide returns on average \$175 million in measurable benefits annually across the communities that are served.

Keep Burleson Beautiful is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the health and prosperity of Burleson through litter prevention, solid waste elimination, education, and beautification. Keep Burleson Beautiful is a 501(c) 3 non-profit that has a close affiliation with the City of Burleson. For more information follow Keep Burleson Beautiful on Facebook or visit the webpage at www.burlesontx.com/kbb .

For more information about the April 26 event, call David Lenartowicz at 817-426-9842 or email dlenartowicz@burlesontx.com.