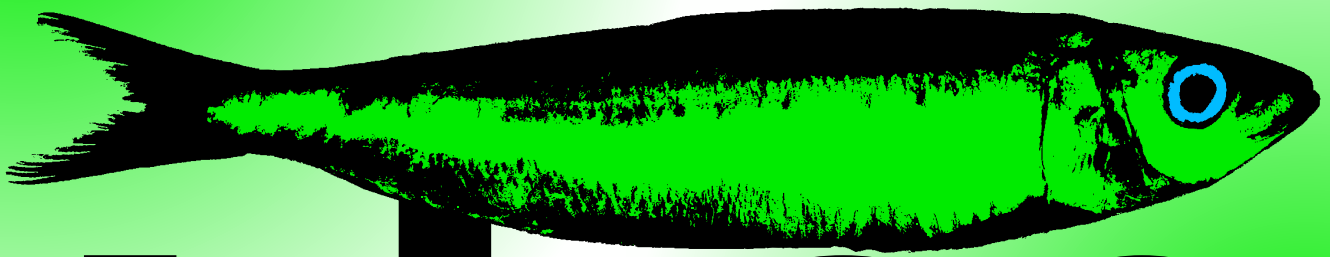




sardine contest

Sard!



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The big winners 2024

Mónica Marques Monteiro

Portugal



Abrileira

This sardine was created with the 50th anniversary of 25 April in mind, an event that should be celebrated and remembered more than ever. In times of political instability, war, and unrest, it is necessary to fight for what is inherent in us: freedom. The revolution is within us. Through the medium of digital painting, I used strokes in keeping with this year's theme ("draw and dare") in order to create texture with various shades and shapes. I also remembered the Portuguese saying "those who don't take risks, don't get to eat" (loosely equivalent to "who dares, wins"), taken literally with this "dissection" in search of "intrinsic rebellion."

Inês Forte
Portugal



The Wisdom of the Sardine

Reading stimulates reasoning, activates the brain, enhances the imagination and creativity, enriches vocabulary, develops critical thinking and writing skills, combats stress, improves the ability to concentrate, and provides us with broad and wide-ranging knowledge on various subjects. “Reading is travelling the world without leaving home...” This sardine, which has travelled so much, brings the world to you!

**Carolina
Carvalho**
Portugal



At the price of gold

This year, I chose to reveal some anger at the situation our country finds itself in, as it's not just about having excellent cuisine, great beaches and the friendliest people in the world. We are living through very difficult times, economically speaking, brought on by a crisis that has left the price of essential foodstuffs completely out of kilter with what a Portuguese person on the minimum wage can afford. With this in mind, I chose a product that has been on everyone's lips for all the wrong reasons; something that is produced in Portugal, of excellent quality, but which has been pushed beyond the reach of the vast majority of people.

Mariëlle van der Gouw
Netherlands



Cheesy

I'm from the Netherlands, so my design just had to feature cheese. I love it almost as much as this little mouse, who's eaten his fill and is now resting, content, on top of the sardine. So, "cheesy" would seem to be the perfect name for this illustration.

Beatrizarte
Portugal



The Fishwife

This fishwife brings the freshest sardines to this year's *festas populares*!