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**2012 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest**  
**Presented by the California Coastal Commission**

**California Students Create Art and Poetry in Honor of the Coast**

(SAN FRANCISCO, March 28, 2012)—The California Coastal Commission is proud to announce the winners for this year's California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. This contest for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students drew 2,340 entries from throughout California. The winning art and poetry and the honorable mentions are viewable online at [www.coastforyou.org](http://www.coastforyou.org).

**ART WINNERS:**

K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Claire Silva, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Sunnyvale  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Bogdan Florescu, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Sacramento  
 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yu Han Wang, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, San Francisco  
 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yoonhye Kim, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, La Crescenta  
 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shuyang Ye, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**POETRY WINNERS:**

K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Shannon Burks, kindergarten, Los Altos  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Gabriel Ramirez, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Simi Valley  
 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jay Lopez-Cho, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Pacific Grove  
 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Olivia Rudd, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mill Valley  
 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Haley Lacey, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Comptche

**ART HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

Kacy Chung, 1st grade, Irvine  
 Johnny Cornejo, 1st grade, Watsonville  
 Hemal Kurani, 1st grade, Sunnyvale  
 Sofia Lutsuk, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Roseville  
 Guru Balakrishnan, 2nd grade, Tustin  
 Avi Jagdish, 2nd grade, Lakewood  
 Sarah Arim Kong, 3rd grade, Los Angeles  
 Skylar Scriptor, 3rd grade, Laguna Hills  
 Geneva Varga, 4th grade, Redding  
 Annette S. Kim, 5th grade, Los Angeles  
 Michelle Kim, 5th grade, Irvine  
 Clarissa Wang, 5th grade, Mountain View  
 Amy Fang, 7th grade, Davis  
 Joyce Chen, 8th grade, Rowland Heights

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Clara Suh, 8th grade, Foothill Ranch  
Wilson Xu, 9th grade, Woodland  
Ivy Liao, 10th grade, Pleasanton  
Savannah Liu, 10th grade, Foster City  
Melissa Wu, 11th grade, Fremont  
Esmeralda Morales, 12th grade, Los Angeles  
Alexa Sharpe, 12th grade, Torrance

POETRY HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Elena Brem, kindergarten, Yorba Linda  
Cara Constant, kindergarten, Cupertino  
Lauren Crabtree, kindergarten, Laguna Niguel  
Naina Gupta, 2nd grade, Cupertino  
Martha Quirie, 3rd grade, Fairfax  
Maya T., 3rd grade, Fairfax  
Tallula Sorst, 4th grade, Corte Madera  
Julieta Salazar Bautista, 5th grade, Fort Bragg  
Remy Rosenberg, 6th grade, Sausalito  
Rex D. Collenette, 7th grade, San Geronimo  
Anke Larsen Yskamp, 7th grade, Monte Rio  
Sequoia Meadows, 8th grade, Fairfax  
Audrey Webster, 8th grade, San Anselmo  
Amberlie Evelina Kaiser, 10th grade, Moraga  
Andrew Craddick, 12th grade, Trabuco Canyon

The California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest encourages youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of California's beaches and ocean, in order to inspire a greater sense of appreciation and stewardship for these natural places

The contest is held annually, and all California students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate. Entries can be submitted at any time. Winners from each grade-level category (K-1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) in both art and poetry are awarded a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Each winner's teacher receives a \$50 gift certificate for educational materials, courtesy of Acorn Naturalists. Additional prizes provided by the Aquarium of the Pacific and Aquarium of the Bay.

In addition to the artwork and poetry being showcased on the Coastal Commission's website, all of the art and the five winning poems will be on exhibit at the Point Reyes Visitor Center in Marin County in May, the Ford House Museum in Mendocino from July through September, Crystal Cove State Beach in Orange County from October through December, and Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in Ventura January through early February 2013.

The deadline for the 2013 contest is January 31st. Visit [www.coastforyou.org](http://www.coastforyou.org) or call (800) Coast4U for details.

*High resolution images are available upon request.*

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