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2013 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest
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California Students Create Art and Poetry in Honor of the Coast

(SAN FRANCISCO, April 2, 2013)—The California Coastal Commission is proud to announce the winners for this year's California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. This contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students drew 2,260 entries from throughout California. The winning art and poetry and the honorable mentions are viewable online at www.coastforyou.org.

WINNERS IN ART:

Chloe S. Park, "The Pelican," 1st grade, Encino
 Julie Wan, "Sunset at Coast," 3rd grade, Sunnyvale
 Clarissa Wang, "The Great Egret," 6th grade, Mountain View
 Tiffany Liang, "Listening to the Sea," 7th grade, Petaluma
 Erick Villegas, "Giant Pacific Octopus," 12th grade, Los Angeles

WINNERS IN POETRY:

Elena Brem, "Shells," 1st grade, Yorba Linda
 Josephine Steinbuck, "Paradise," 3rd grade, Mendocino
 Emma Nathanson, "A Star in a Deep Blue Sky," 5th grade, San Geronimo
 Isaac Goldstein, "The Otter," 8th grade, Ventura
 Cherylynn K. Lima, "California's Coast," 11th grade, Brentwood

HONORABLE MENTION IN ART:

Ojas Mehta, "Amazing Seal," 1st grade, Tustin
 Grant J. Park, "Pandion Haliaetus (Osprey)," 1st grade, Encino
 Sanjani Thambala, "We Love Ocean," kindergarten, Cupertino
 Keertana Sreekumar, "Lounging by the Beach," 1st grade, Fremont
 Elizabeth Lobko, "Jellyfish," 2nd grade, Elverta
 Riya Gupta, "Mountains of the Mist," 3rd grade, Irvine
 Hana Choi, "Blue Shark," 3rd grade, Los Angeles
 Mikol Warschaw, 3rd grade, Altadena
 Catherine Cui, "A Maze of Jellyfish," 5th grade, Tustin
 Vaibhavi Patankar, "Hermit Crab – A Day at the Beach," 6th grade, Woodland Hills
 Sarah Chung, "Among the Flowers," 6th grade Irvine,
 Sarah Arim Kong, "Whale," 4th grade, Los Angeles
 Leo Yang, "Californians Cleaning the Coast," 9th grade, Arcadia
 Vickie Yang, "The Three Amigos," 7th grade, Arcadia
 Justine Xi, "Green Sea Turtle," 9th grade, Hillsborough
 Joseph Dickinson, "Mighty Observer," 9th grade, San Mateo
 Leslie Young, "Get in Touch with the Ocean," 10th grade, Huntington Beach

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Wilson Xu, "A Curlew and his Catch," 10th grade, Davis
Gi-Ling Lo, "Swirling Turtle," 12th grade, Diamond Bar
Benjamin Chang, "Sunset on a Golden Coast," 10th grade, Chino Hills

HONORABLE MENTION IN POETRY:

Hugh Burnell, "Hello, Ocean," 1st grade, San Diego
Dana Hathaway, "Going to the Beach," 1st grade, Los Gatos
Thaweb Kharroubi, "Sharks," 1st grade, San Jose
Elizabeth Brem, "The Mist," 3rd grade, Yorba Linda
Shea Hendricks, "The Stone," 2nd grade, Albion
Nikki Sitter, "Ocean Fantasy," 3rd grade, Paradise
Yuritzy Vazquez, "The Beautiful Ocean," 6th grade, Camarillo
Kiara Necessary, "If You Go to the Beach," 6th grade, Valencia
Esmé Kaplan-Kinsey, "Land's End," 5th grade, Petaluma
Corinne Webster, "The Red-Clawed Snapper," 5th grade, San Anselmo
Sage Meadows, "Dreaming of a Watery Future," 7th grade, Fairfax
Megan Amaglio, "Point Reyes Cliffs," 9th grade, Larkspur
Hannah Prior, "Drowning," 8th grade, Oceanside
Alexandra Petersen, "Roaring Waves," 9th grade, Fremont
Ada Del Pozo, "Listen...", 11th grade, Foster City
Jordan Kaiser, "Monterey Bay," 10th grade, San Marcos

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-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, and 10th-12th) 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. Chapman University's Tabula Poetica program provided judging assistance.

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 and June, the Ford House Museum in Mendocino from July through September, Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in October and November, and the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in La Jolla December through early January.

The deadline for the 2014 contest is January 31. Visit www.coastforyou.org or call (800) Coast4U for details.

High resolution images are available upon request.

The mission of the California Coastal Commission is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance environmental and human-based resources of the California coast and ocean for environmentally sustainable and prudent use by current and future generations. It works in partnership with coastal cities and counties to maximize public beach access and recreation, provide for priority coastal development, and assure that new development will protect coastal resources including wetlands, wildlife on land and in the sea, water quality, coastal tourism, and scenic vistas. The Coastal Art & Poetry Contest is part of its effort to raise public awareness of marine and coastal resources and promote coastal stewardship.