

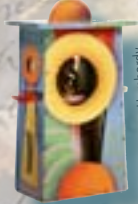
Third Annual

Art Tales

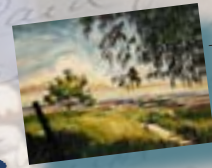
A Unique Contest for Creative Writers



Connie Jenkins



Hanna Lore Hombordy



Robert Engel



Gerri Johnson-McMillin



Duane Simshauser



Jack Farquhar Halbert

This contest is open to all Ventura County residents.

Prizes will be awarded in three age divisions.

Entry Deadline:
March 1, 2011

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The City of Ventura is pleased to sponsor, in partnership with E.P. Foster Library, a creative contest for local writers. The competition invites writers to submit an original short story or poem that was inspired by one of the Municipal Art Collection works of art currently on exhibit at the E.P. Foster Library in downtown Ventura.

In an effort to make the City's art collection more accessible to the community, the City of Ventura joined with E.P. Foster Library to provide an exhibit space for a limited number of works, which are rotated annually. Each piece in this year's assortment of artwork was inspired by the mysterious cycles and symbols of nature challenging the viewer to puzzle over the work's message and providing an excellent opportunity for students and adults alike to exhibit their written skills while learning about viewing works of visual art. This contest is a call for imaginative and inventive people to examine a work of art and then write a short story or poem reflecting their unique interpretation.

Guidelines:

1. Visit the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, and view the four artworks from the City of Ventura's Municipal Art Collection currently exhibited on the library's second floor and two more works on the first floor. Choose a piece that "calls" to you and write an original poem or short story inspired by the ideas you think the work is trying to convey.
2. Although there is no minimum word requirement, entries should not be more than 1500 words in length.
3. Entries should be in 12 pt. font and may be submitted in either English or Spanish. Please include a title page with name, address, phone number, email address, age, title of work and number of words.
4. No more than two entries per person please.
5. **Entries must be submitted electronically by March 1, 2011 to jmaechler@cityofventura.net** and please place "Art Tales" in the subject box of the email.

Awards:

Entries will be judged by a committee of professionals, educators, librarians, and City of Ventura staff who will evaluate the work on its creativity, presentation, and correspondence to a specific artwork. In addition to seeing their stories published on the City's website, 1st place winners in each category will receive a \$30 cash prize, and all 2nd place winners will receive \$15. All winners will receive a bound edition of the winning entries.

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Prizes will be awarded in the following age categories:

Youth (grades 4 - 8)

High School (grades 9 - 12)

Adult (age 18 and up)

Artists and Works:

Duane Simshauser
Raven Reflecting

Connie Jenkins
Waiting for El Nino

Robert Engel
From Two Trees

Jack Farquhar Halbert
The Four Seasons Chest

Gerri Johnson-McMillin
Caribbean Sun & Giant Green Anemone

Hana Lore Hombordy
End of the Rainbow

