

2011 Art Tales winners

The City of Ventura is pleased to announce the winners of the third annual Art Tales creative writing contest. Over 100 short stories and poems, which were submitted in both adult and youth categories, were inspired by one of the six Municipal Art Collection works of art currently on exhibit in the E.P. Foster Library,

The Mayor honored winning writers at a special ceremony at E.P. Foster Library, 651 East Main Street on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 6 pm. All winners received a bound edition of the winning entries and first and second place winners received a cash prize. In addition, children's first, second and third place winners received journals. The public was invited and refreshments served. The event was held on the second floor children's section.

Poems – Youth

First Place--Sophia Dufau--Beaded Glory

Second Place--Alexia Khodanian--Tangled Roots

Third Place-- Annie Castañeda--My Pond

Honorable Mention--Antonia Aguilar Cole--The Not Forgotten

Honorable Mention--Alexis Kost--The End of the Rainbow

Honorable Mention--Jeremiah Song--Seasons of Beauty

Short Stories – Youth

First Place--Emily Ward--A Beautiful Day

Second Place--Sabrina M. Nuno--The Angry Raven

Third Place--Christian Gil--A Day to Remember

Poems – Adult

First Place--Kimbrough Ernest--Luminous

Second Place--Kimbrough Ernest--Four Seasons

Honorable Mention--Tim Pompey--Crow and I Search the Harbor

Honorable Mention--Frances Spencer--Sea Creatures

Honorable Mention--Consuelo Castaneda--Here

Short Stories – Adult

First Place--Kim E. Fuhrmann--The Painted Chest

Second Place Gerald Zwiers--Dancing in the Light

Honorable Mention--Sheri Ward--If Birds Could Talk

Honorable Mention--Tamara Starr--The Raven Box

Judges: More than 100 entries from Ventura County were judged by a committee of professionals: Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar, Mary Stewat, Head Librarian for E.P. Foster Library, Kristine Guzman, 2010 VUSD Teacher of the Year; Rosie Ornelas, Volunteer Ventura! Coordinator; and Georgeanne Lees, Office of Cultural Affairs Supervisor. The judges evaluated the work on its creativity and were very impressed with the number of high quality submissions.