



SAN DIEGUITO HERITAGE MUSEUM

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1 Fourth Annual Wendy Haskett Writing Contest with Prizes for Winning Essays

Who's eligible? . . .

All third grade students from the San Dieguito Region: Encinitas, Cardiff, Del Mar, Leucadia, Rancho Santa Fe, and Solana Beach.

What's required . . .

You'll write an original essay of up to three pages on life in the San Dieguito region during days gone by. Your job is to collect information from the living memories or written accounts of our older generations, describing lives and experiences from an earlier period of local history. Your essay might describe families, games and play, schools, work, holidays, or neighborhoods. You might note changes that have taken place over the decades by comparing and contrasting the past with your own experiences of the present. The essay should contribute to our understanding of the changing nature of our community even as it demonstrates our connection to our local heritage.

You must draw or paint an original piece of art to accompany your writing. Number the pages of your essay. Write your name, your teacher's name, and the name of your school on the back of your entry.

What is the contest deadline? Where should entries be sent?

Essays and art must be delivered to the San Dieguito Heritage Museum by **Thursday, March 25, 2010**.

Who will judge the essays?

A panel of writers and teachers will judge the essays, looking for those that best illustrate some aspect of our changing way of life in the San Dieguito Region. The judges will look for papers that are original, thoughtful, and well-organized. The judges will expect to see that the observations about life in the past are contrasted with life in the present, and that the student's conclusions are supported by the observations. **Winners will be announced on May 3, 2010.**

What prizes will be awarded?

Essays: First Prize, \$100 Second Prize, \$50 Third Prize, \$25

Art: A \$50 Prize for the best original artwork accompanying an essay

Each prize winner will receive a trophy and one of Wendy's books.

Each contestant will receive a Participant's Ribbon.

Presentations to the winners will take place at the winners' schools.