

Coastal America

# OCEAN ART CONTEST

Winning art work will be displayed at the  
Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History!

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## Regional Contest Centers

Acuario de Veracruz  
Veracruz, Mexico

Alaska SeaLife Center  
Seward, AK

Aquarium of the Pacific  
Long Beach, CA

The Florida Aquarium  
Tampa, FL

Georgia Aquarium  
Atlanta, GA

Hatfield Marine Science Center &  
Oregon Coast Aquarium  
Newport, OR

J.L. Scott Marine Education Center -  
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory  
Ocean Springs, MS

John G. Shedd Aquarium  
Chicago, IL

Monterey Bay Aquarium  
Monterey, CA

Mystic Aquarium and Institute  
for Exploration  
Mystic, CT

The National Aquarium  
Washington, D.C.

National Mississippi River Museum  
and Aquarium  
Dubuque, IA

New York Aquarium  
New York, NY

North Carolina Aquariums  
Fort Fisher, NC

Texas State Aquarium  
Corpus Christi, TX

Waikiki Aquarium  
Honolulu, HI



Smithsonian  
National Museum of Natural History

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## Submissions:

Contestants must submit their art work to the Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center (CELC) closest to them. For more information on participating CELCs and contest rules please visit: [www.CoastalAmerica.gov](http://www.CoastalAmerica.gov). Entries must be received **no later than May 30, 2008**.

## Eligibility:

The contest is open to all students enrolled in grades K-12 and college and university students.

## Contest Age Groups:

**Group 1:** Grades K-2

**Group 2:** Grades 3-5

**Group 3:** Grades 6-8

**Group 4:** Grades 9-12

**Group 5:** College and University Students

## Art Work Requirements:

Log on to [www.CoastalAmerica.gov](http://www.CoastalAmerica.gov) for full details of entry guidelines

- Entries must be original paintings, drawings, photographs or other visual art work created by the contestant.
- Art work should reflect one of the seven Essential Principles of Ocean Literacy.
- Art work must be two dimensional and not exceed 24"x36".
- A narrative, not to exceed 150 words, explaining the selection of the Essential Principle should be attached to the back of the art work.
- Contestant's full name, grade, school, contact information, teacher/facilitator's name must be attached with the art work.

## Winners:

Regional winners will be announced and their art work will be displayed at the sponsoring CELC. The first, second and third place winners' art work from each age group at each CELC will be advanced to the national competition. For the national competition, a panel of judges will select first, second and third place winners in each age group from the entries submitted. The national competition first place winners from each age group will be invited to Washington, D.C. for a public announcement of the winners at a Coastal America ceremony that will be coordinated with the opening of the Smithsonian Ocean Hall in September 2008. The work of the national competition first, second and third place winners will be displayed at this award ceremony, and will then be exhibited at the Smithsonian, National Museum of Natural History, from December 2008 through March 2009. The national competition winners will also be recognized with special awards and media coverage.

## Art Work Rights:

Ownership rights in any art work which is submitted to the Art Contest shall be in accordance with the ownership provisions of the contest, found at: [www.CoastalAmerica.gov](http://www.CoastalAmerica.gov).

## Judging Criteria:

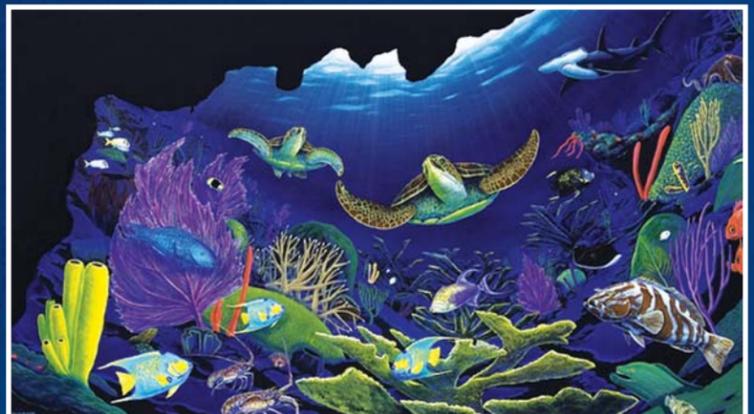
Art work will be judged on visual impact, communication of the principle, and artistic merit. Each CELC will select a panel of judges for the regional competition. The national competition will be judged by a panel of ocean experts and artists selected by Coastal America.

## The Seven Essential Principles of Ocean Literacy:

Art work must reflect one of the Seven Essential Principles:

1. The Earth has one big ocean with many features.
2. The ocean and life in the ocean shape the features of the Earth.
3. The ocean is a major influence on weather and climate.
4. The ocean makes Earth habitable.
5. The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.
6. The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.
7. The ocean is largely unexplored.

*The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems*



YEAR OF THE REEF

Painting by Wyland

*The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected*



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Photograph by Bob Talbot

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