



# EL CAJON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Society Awards Visual History Contest Winners

Instead of our annual 3rd Grade Essay Contest taking place at this time of year, the ECHS & Cajon Valley Union School District held the First Annual Visual History of El Cajon Poster Contest. 3rd Grade classes throughout the School District had the opportunity to tour the Knox House and Museum and were invited to submit their artwork for the contest.

On May 1, 2017, all participants who were present took the stage along with their teachers to receive accolades from the audience. In the audience were special guests: El Cajon City Councilmember Ben Kalasho and his wife, Councilmember Steve Goble, and Public Information Officer Monica Zech. The crowd was continuously entertained by the antics of Deputies Shorty and Slim from the Wieghorst Museum and Gallery. Dr. Kari Hull represented Cajon Valley Union School District and presented the Best of School Awards.



*Amaziah Lord Knox*

In addition to all of the students and teachers, we thank Becky Taylor and her committee (Rick Hall, Christy Klock, Joe Klock, Kathy Fiedor, and Carla Nowak) who all shared in the work of the project. The committee is deeply indebted to Linda Irvine's part in communicating with the school staff and with Becky Taylor. Ruben Pena of the Print Shop took care of the program printing. Finally, a special thanks to Anita Tinsley for taking pictures at the ceremony.

The contest winners and their posters are published in this newsletter. Winners and Honorable Mentions were displayed at the Wieghorst Art Gallery until the end of May and then returned to schools.

ECHS President, Carla Nowak

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## Quarterly Meeting

I hope you have all had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful artifacts and hospitality of the historic new Sycuan Cultural Resource Center that we were able to tour for our April meeting. Such a treat to see two of the Flinn family's Indian baskets, donated by Florence Shipick, on display there.

Our July meeting will be held on July 20th at Marieta's Restaurant. The restaurant is located across the street from Armstrong Nursery, where our guest speaker, Ed Gause works.

Ed will be speaking on the original flora and fauna of El Cajon and the current vegetation which grows so well here. In addition to his work at Armstrong Nursery, Ed has written several books and also teaches classes at Cuyamaca College. Ed is well-known and well-liked, so early reservations are a must!

We are also delighted to welcome some members from the Lakeside Historical Society. Betty McMillan is their president.

See details about the lunch on the back page of this newsletter and send in your reservation soon!

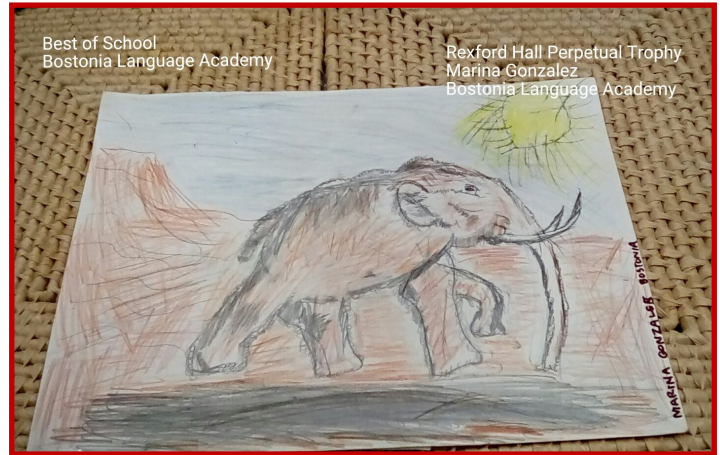
# REXFORD L. HALL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY AWARD

Awarded to Marina Gonzalez (Bostonia Language Academy) whose poster was judged best overall. This award is given in memory of Rex Hall, who dedicated himself to the education of children and served on the Grossmont Union High School Board for 30 years.



*Marina Gonzalez, winner of the Rexford L. Hall Memorial Perpetual Trophy, pictured with Rick Hall, ECHS Board Member and Descendant of Rexford L. Hall.*

*The Perpetual Trophy will be displayed for one year at Marina's school, Bostonia Language Academy.*



*Marina's winning poster was entitled The Woolly Mammoth.*

## VIRGINIA STEAD AWARD

Awarded to Natalie Macelt (St. Kieran) whose poster best depicts El Cajon Valley's native plants and animals. Virginia Stead was a nationally published author who wrote about plants, natural history, and wildlife. She was the first person to chronicle and publish information about plants in the San Diego area.



*Natalie pictured with Monica Zech, Public Information Officer, City of El Cajon.*



## DR. ALICE RODRIGUEZ HERITAGE AWARD

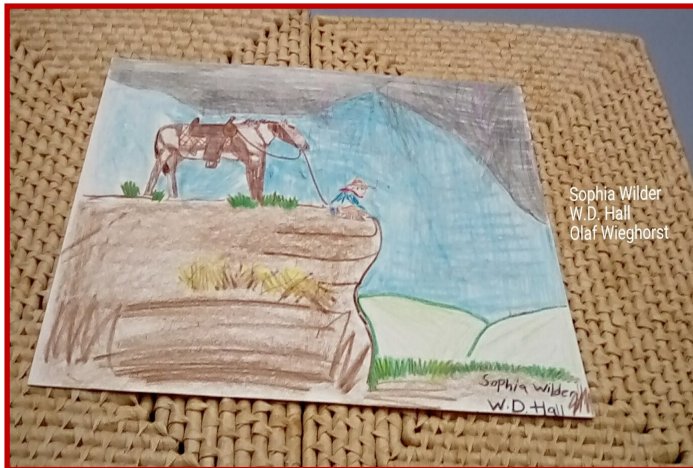
Awarded to Evan Bakayou (Vista Grande) whose poster best reflects a multicultural connection. The award was established to honor Alice Rodriguez for her selfless dedication to children and their multicultural heritages.



Evan Bakayou  
Vista Grande  
Heritage Award

## OLAF WIEGHORST AWARD

Presented to Sophia Wilder (W.D. Hall) whose poster is deemed the best representation of the painter of the West who lived in El Cajon.



Sophia Wilder  
W.D. Hall  
Olaf Wieghorst

Presented to Megan Verdadero (W.D. Hall) whose poster best depicts an historic site or building in El Cajon. The late Chloris Scott, daughter of Fred and Nettie Kersten, established the award. The Kerstens were active in community activities and programs for children.

## HISTORICAL EVENT/ACTIVITY AWARD

Awarded to Daniel Quinn (Flying Hills) whose poster is deemed the best depiction of an event or activity that is part of El Cajon's history.



Historical Event  
Daniel Quinn  
Flying Hills

## KUMEYAAY CULTURE AWARD

Awarded to James Manos (Vista Grande) whose poster is deemed the best depiction of Kumeyaay culture and history.



Kumeyaay Culture  
James Manos  
Vista Grande

## FRED AND NETTIE KERSTEN AWARD



Fred & Nettie Kersten  
Megan Verdadero  
W.D. Hall

# SPECIAL PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS

Presented to the Best in School Winners by El Cajon City Council Members  
Ben Kalasho and Steve Goble.

## SPECIAL PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED TO:



Phoenix Banyan  
(Flying Hills Elementary)  
Marina Gonzalez  
(Bostonia Language Academy)



Shadan Khaleel  
(Chase Ave. Elementary)  
Livera Ballo  
(Meridian Elementary)



Rebecca Wharton  
(St. Kieran Catholic School)  
Giacomo Lupo  
(Vista Grande Elementary)



Aiden Bishop  
(Rios Elementary)  
Everett Flohr  
(Fuerte Elementary)



# BEST OF SCHOOL AWARD

Awarded to the student whose poster is judged to be the best entry from each school.

Awards presented by Dr. Kari Hull, Deputy Superintendent, Cajon Valley Schools.

Giacomo Lupo (Vista Grande)

Briana Gutierrez-Guerro (W.D. Hall)

Rebecca Wharton (St. Kieran)

Aiden Bishop (Rios)

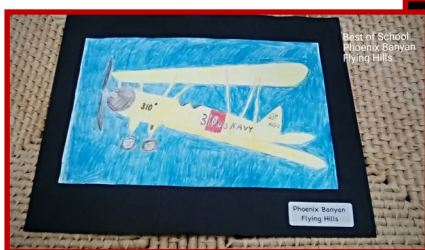
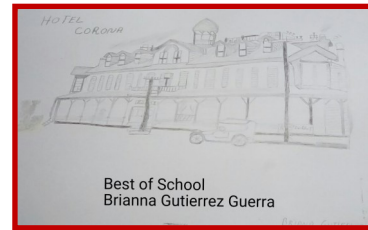
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Marina Gonzalez (Bostonia Language Academy)

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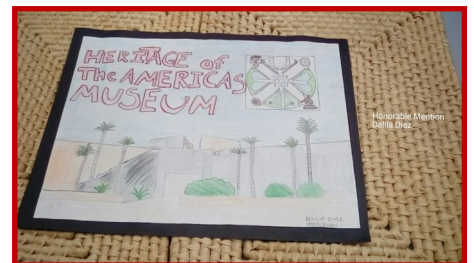
# HONORABLE MENTIONS

Awarded to the student whose poster is judged to be the best entry from each school.

Awards presented by Carla Nowak, ECHS President.



- Dylan Shaeffer (Vista Grande)
- Mark Kako (Meridian)
- Delila Diaz (Meridian)
- Jasmine Helewa (Meridian)
- Trinity Warrick (Vista Grande)
- Ashley Valdivia (Vista Grande)
- Madelyn Wood (Vista Grande)
- Valerie Villa (Flying Hills)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONTEST WINNERS!



A Special Thank You to 3rd Grader, Jasmine Helewa, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to kick off the Awards Ceremony.



And to our Deputies for the evening, Slim & Shorty aka Jim Daniels and Bob Callen, pictured here with El Cajon City Councilmember, Steve Goble.

## Welcome New Members

- ✦ Jane Zoch
- ✦ Dal Watkins
- ✦ Robert Lotz-Partain
- ✦ Everett Flohr
- ✦ Phoenix Banyan
- ✦ Rebecca Wharton
- ✦ Evan Bakayou

Changed to Enhanced Life Members:

- ✦ Jack Dickens
- ✦ Yvonne Paris

Just a reminder that membership renewals are due each January.

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2017 your membership will be deleted.

Please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:  
P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973.

Thank you for your support of ECHS—  
we truly appreciate it!



## DOCENT HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Mares eat oats and goats eat oats, but little lambs eat ivy; wouldn't YOU like to be a docent, too?

If so, let Becky know  
by emailing her at  
[cruzbecky@cox.net](mailto:cruzbecky@cox.net).



**From:** El Cajon Historical Society  
P. O. Box 1973  
El Cajon, CA 92022

**To:**

## July Meeting

Our July meeting will be held Thursday, July 20 at 11am at Marietas restaurant located at 1746 Main St in El Cajon between the CHP building and the 99 Cent Store.

The selection for lunch will be wonderful. All entrees are served with rice and beans.

Choices include:

Fish Tacos with lime and white sauce

Chili Colorado Burrito (cubed beef and red sauce)

Vegetarian Cheese Enchiladas covered with special sauce, sour cream and guacamole

We are still holding our low rate of \$15 per person.

Please reserve your spot early to attend this informative lunch with our guest speaker, author Ed Gause.

### July Meeting Reservation Form

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 each)

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Selection:

(If more than one person, indicate number of each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fish Tacos

\_\_\_\_\_ Chili Colorado Burrito

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Cheese Enchiladas

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Reservations not kept become a donation.*

**RESERVATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, JULY 14.**

Mail reservations and checks to:

ECHS, P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973