



## Happy San Mateo County Day

### Poster Contest Rules

The San Mateo County Historical Association is welcoming submissions for the 2023 Happy San Mateo County Day Poster Contest! The theme for this year is Life in San Mateo County in the Aughts (decade of 1900-1909).

#### **Who Can Participate?**

We are welcoming San Mateo County residents of all ages to participate. Posters will be divided into three categories based on the age of the participant: Ages 11 and Under, Ages 12-18, and Adults. There is no entry fee.

#### **Poster Contest Rules:**

Please design a poster that illustrates at least one aspect of what life was like in San Mateo County in the years 1900-1909. This can include examples of transportation, new inventions, fashion, major events, etc. **All posters must feature an element from this time period that was present in San Mateo County.** Please consult the information sheet for specific examples of what can and cannot be included in the poster.

Posters must be original, two-dimensional (2D) designs or photographs in a variety of physical media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, etc. Keep in mind posters may be on public display and should be easy to see or read. Brighter colors, for example, will reproduce better; light pencil marks will not show up. Entries must have a minimum size of 11" X 17" and must be no larger than 18" X 24." Landscape orientation is preferred and any weight of paper is permitted.

All posters must be labeled on the back with the following information:

1. The Participant's Name
2. The Participant's Age, if they are eighteen or younger (not applicable for adult participants)
3. Title of the Poster

**All posters must be the participant's original work—no third party artwork, materials, clipart, or Copyrighted characters are allowed.**

Participants must fill out an information form and submit it along with their work. The form will ask for the participants full name, age (if under eighteen), contact information, which category they are entering, the piece's title, the media type, and a short description of the artwork (250 words maximum). Fillable forms can be found on the Historical Association website ([www.historysmc.org/happy-san-mateo-county-day/](http://www.historysmc.org/happy-san-mateo-county-day/)). Forms will need to be printed for submission. In submitting a poster, participants agree that the poster may be displayed at Happy San Mateo County Day, featured in advertising, included on the Historical Association's website, and reproduced in many ways.

**Submission:**

All entries must be submitted or postmarked by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2023. Please include the information form with the poster. Entries can be submitted at the front desk or mailed to the San Mateo County History Museum at the following address:

**San Mateo County History Museum  
C/O Poster Contest  
2200 Broadway  
Redwood City, CA 94063.**

Do not send posters rolled in a tube, they are best sent flat. Participants may only submit one entry per person. Multiple entries may be mailed together, but they must have separate information forms.

**Judging:**

Posters will be judged on the basis of their form and composition, use of color, characterization of the theme, historical accuracy, creativity, and best delivery of the message. The age of the participant will also be taken into consideration in the judging process. The winners in each category, as well as all other participants, will be contacted at the end of April via email. Artwork will not be returned after the contest.

**Prizes:**

The winning entry in each of the three categories will receive \$100. The winning posters will be featured in advertising for the event and on the cover of the event's activity book. Winning posters will also be added to the museum archives. Selected entries will be displayed in Courtroom A of the San Mateo County History Museum on Happy San Mateo County Day, May 13, 2023.

**Questions?**

Any questions regarding the poster contest can be directed to [education@historysmc.org](mailto:education@historysmc.org). Good luck!

Happy San Mateo County Day and its poster contest are sponsored by the Redwood City Arts Commission. Thank you for your support!