

La Jolla Shores Surfing Association Hosts Annual Surf Art Contest

La Jolla Riford Library exhibits top art through mid May

La Jolla Shores Surfing Association sponsors a Youth Surf Art Contest every year to inspire young people to get involved in our community and surfing through art. The grand prize winner receives \$100 and gets his/her original artwork on our Annual Menehune Surf contest t-shirts. Congratulations to Grand Prize Winner **Jordyn Wong** of **Muirlands Middle School** whose careful design and creativity inspired the contest judges. A big thank you to our art contest judges: **Kealy Proudly, Jen Carrillo, and Molly Candy.** and **Alex Furuholmen**, Art Contest Coordinator. Thanks also to the youth librarian and staff at the La Jolla Riford Library - whose support we couldn't do without.

Over 200 entries were received offering a great variety of perspectives on the surf-inspired theme. Many local area schools participate by having their art students submit entries: Muirlands Middle, La Mesa Arts Academy, and a few entries from children from around the County. Noted **Muirlands Middle School** Art Teacher **Trish Cox**, "Most of my students feel a deep and meaningful connection with the ocean they have grown up with, so an opportunity to make art about being a kid having fun at the beach is an exciting subject they know! Also, many of our students have either attended or participated in the surf contest, so they are enthusiastic about the opportunity to maybe get their design on the contest shirt!" We also extend a big thank you to the art teachers at **La Mesa Arts Academy** – **Nichole Condon** and **Alison Lindsey** for their support of the contest the past several years.

The artwork of the top 40 entries selected by our judges will be on exhibit at the **La Jolla Riford Library Center** at **7555 Draper Avenue** through mid-May. To get involved with next year's contest, please e-mail Art Contest Coordinator Alex Furuholmen: furufun@cox.net or visit the surf club's website www.ljssa.org.