

Earth Science Week
October 11-17, 2009
Poster Contest Information, Rules, & Release Form

The contest is sponsored by Omya Inc., the Vermont Geological Survey, the Vermont Geological Society, and the Vermont Marble Museum.

Please read the following poster contest rules carefully, as only posters that meet the contest guidelines will be considered.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Monday, Noon, October 5, 2009

ELIGIBILITY: All Vermont public, private, or home-schooled school students, grades K - 12.

THEME: Your artwork should focus on the topic "ROCKS OF VERMONT."

Make a poster about one of the Official Vermont State Rocks (Granite, Slate or Marble) illustrating one important thing about that rock. Your poster might show the origin of the rock, the uses (present and/or past), how it is quarried, etc.

Hint: Be sure to focus on only one idea and make your message clear.

PRIZE STRUCTURE:

- There will be three winners (First, Second, and Third) in each of the following categories: Grades K - 2; Grades 3 - 4; Grades 5 - 6; Grades 7 - 9; and Grades 10 - 12.
- An additional winner will be chosen in the "People's Choice" category. This winner will be chosen by popular vote from visitors to the Vermont Marble Museum between October 6 and October 12, 2009.

PRIZES:

The following awards will be presented:

- First Place in each category: \$50 cash, a trophy, and a mineral or fossil specimen
- Second Place in each category: \$30 cash, a trophy, and a mineral or fossil specimen
- Third Place in each category: \$10 cash, a trophy and a mineral or fossil specimen
- Peoples' Choice Winner: a trophy and a mineral or fossil specimen

POSTER REQUIREMENTS:

Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. No copyrighted characters, clip art, or photographs will be accepted.

Materials: Posters should be submitted on white tag board or white art paper. Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, crayon, chalk, markers, etc. All artwork will be on public display and should be easy to see and read. Keep in mind that bright colors are better- light pencil marks won't show up. Size: Minimum 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11"; Maximum 11" x 17".

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JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Each poster must have a Release Form (see page 3) securely attached to the back of each entry. Posters without a Release Form will not be eligible for judging. Entries must be mailed or hand-delivered by Monday, Noon, October 5, 2009, to the Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St., Proctor, VT 05765.

Entries will be judged by an independent panel of judges on October 8, 2009. The Awards Ceremony will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Omya's Middlebury Marble Quarry Open House in Middlebury, VT.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Clear message conveyed by text and artwork
2. Use of the theme "**ROCKS OF VERMONT**"
3. Creativity, originality and artistic quality
4. Visual clarity- easily read
5. Bright and colorful

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Now until October 5, 2009: Students create their posters

- OCTOBER 5, 2009 (Noon): Deadline for poster submission to Vermont Marble Museum.
- OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2009: Entries are judged for People's Choice Award.
- OCTOBER 8, 2009: Entries judged by a panel of judges. Winners and their schools are notified, and given further instruction as to student recognition.
- OCTOBER 17, 2009: Awards Ceremony at Omya's Middlebury Marble Quarry Open House.

POSTERS ON TOUR:

Winning posters will go on display throughout the state of Vermont at various educational sites, including the Vermont Marble Museum. Winners and Teachers will be advised of locations.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Jerilynn Valente at Omya Inc., Tel:(802) 770-7217, email: jerilynn.valente@omya.com

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

DO NOT FOLD. Submit art in a flat package or rolled in a mailing tube. All entries become the property of Vt. Marble Museum and/or Omya Inc. and will not be returned.

MAIL or HAND-DELIVER ENTRIES BY Monday, Noon, OCTOBER 5, 2009, TO:
POSTER CONTEST
Vermont Marble Museum
52 Main Street
Proctor, VT 05765

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"ROCKS OF VERMONT"
RELEASE FORM

A copy of this form must be filled out and securely fastened to the back of each poster.

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER/CONTACT _____

CITY _____, VT ZIP CODE _____

TEACHER PHONE # (802) _____ EMAIL _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____

I hereby certify that this poster was created entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork. I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest, and that it may be reproduced. The only information that will be released is your child's name, school, and grade.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian

Print Name

Print Name

Date _____

Date _____

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