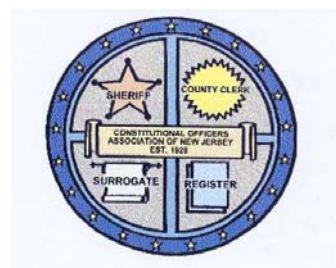




Sussex County Clerk's Office 2009 My County Poster Contest



Fourth graders from all over Sussex County are invited each year to create posters which depict the special and unique qualities about Sussex County and how those qualities relate to the services provided by county government.

Each school in the county is invited by the County Clerk early in the year to participate in the annual My County Poster Contest. The program is sponsored by the county's constitutional officers (Sheriff, County Clerk, and Surrogate), who coordinate the effort with those 4th-grade teachers who choose to participate in the program. The posters are reviewed by a panel of judges sometime in April, with the winners announced in early May. The first-place winner is invited to the County Seat to meet and have his/her photo taken with the county's constitutional officers, and all participants receive a certificate for their participation. First, Second, and Third-place winners, along with any special award winners, will have their winning posters displayed in the County Building during the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show/NJ State Fair at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in August.



My County

A Poster Contest for Fourth Graders

sponsored by

The Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ)

Not everyone is aware that County Government in New Jersey is responsible for county road maintenance, jails, mortgage and deed recording, voting procedures, protection of the rights of minors, and a lot more.

To help promote awareness of the work accomplished throughout New Jersey's 21 counties, the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey is sponsoring a poster contest called "My County." We are inviting all fourth-graders, who generally study the State of New Jersey as part of their social studies curriculum, to design a poster for the contest. Participation is easy — just follow these simple rules:

- The poster must be on standard 22" x 28" poster board
- The name SUSSEX must appear in 4-inch letters (caps) formed in black marker at the top of the poster
- The student's name, teacher's name, and school must be printed neatly in the lower right-hand corner on the back of the poster

Posters must be mailed or delivered to:

County Clerk Erma Gormley
Sussex County Clerk's Office
83 Spring St., Suite 304
Newton, NJ 07860

Phone: 973-579-0900

**POSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN APRIL 24, 2009**

The design and content of the poster are at the discretion of the student. Special knowledge or background is not needed. A general guideline here would be to depict what makes Sussex County unique.

One first-place winner will be selected from Sussex County, with runner-up certificates also awarded. The winner will receive a certificate and be invited to the county seat of Newton for a photo session with the County Clerk, Sheriff, and Surrogate. The winner and runners up also will have their posters displayed at the NJ State Fair in August.

NOTE: All posters become the property of COANJ and the County of Sussex, and selected posters will appear on a published bookcover to be distributed to the incoming fourth grade. Submission of the posters grants COANJ permission to display them in public places.



My County

PARTICIPATION FORM

Fax completed form to Angela Thies at: 973-383-7493

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Yes, my students will participate

Phone: _____

No, my students will not participate

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If you have any questions about the program, please contact My County Poster Contest Coordinator Erma Gormley at:

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