

# THE RACHEL CARSON SENSE OF WONDER/SENSE OF THE WILD CONTEST

## WHO IS RACHEL CARSON?

Rachel Carson (1907–1964) was an American author. She wrote many books about nature, but her most popular book was *Silent Spring* (1962). In *Silent Spring*, Rachel Carson wrote about how pesticides, chemicals which effect the environment and human health. Her book changed people's minds about the importance of taking care of nature. Her last book, *The Sense of Wonder* (1965), is about how important it is to share joy in nature through generations, from older people to young people.

## WHAT IS THE CONTEST?

The *Sense of Wonder/Sense of the Wild Contest* is a Writing Contest for young people and adults, in different generations. For example, a granddaughter and her grandmother, or a student and a teacher. They create a Team, and write together a Poem or an Essay about the *Sense of Wonder* they feel in Nature. Your Team can write about your favorite animal, tree, or place in nature that inspires you. You can also include a photograph taken by a member of your Team! Write about what the Environment means to you!

## HOW DO I ENTER?

Ask an adult to help you on the computer. Go to [www.rachelcarsonlandmarkalliance.org](http://www.rachelcarsonlandmarkalliance.org). and click "Wonder Contest" to enter the contest and find out more!

