

“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder...he needs...at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.”

From Rachel Carson's *The Sense of Wonder*.



The Rachel Carson Intergenerational Sense of Wonder/Sense of the Wild Contest 2022

■ About Rachel Carson



The renowned American author, Rachel Carson (1907-1964), wrote about nature and its amazing creatures. In her most famous book, *Silent Spring*, she warned about the man-made chemical pesticides that were harming birds, bees, fish and human health. It changed people's thinking, helped to establish the modern environmental movement and led to the founding of our US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). *The Sense of Wonder*, Rachel Carson's final book is a guide for parents, teachers and mentors on ways to help children retain their clear-eyed vision of the natural world that is fresh, new and beautiful.

■ About the Wonder Contest

Each Wonder Contest entry (a poem or essay, based on a memorable nature experience) must be from a team of at least one member of an older generation and one member of a younger generation. Sharing nature with an older person can help sustain a young person's fascination with earth, sea and sky leading to a lifetime of experiencing nature's gifts. Contributing to a Contest entry can revive the older person's sense of wonder and recollection of nature's delights as seen through young eyes. Thus, both benefit from working together.



Contest Rules and more are found on the RCLA web site, www.rachelcarsonlandmarkalliance.org. On the Home Page top menu click on Wonder Contest

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Deadline for Wonder contest Entries: November 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., EST.

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