



CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE

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CONSTITUTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST – 2023

Celebrate the Spirit and/or Meaning of the U.S. Constitution

DAR and non-DAR members are INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE Constitution Week Poster Contest. So, grab your favorite art tools and plan your project! The contest is open to individuals of all ages, but the entries will all be judged using the same criteria. There are no age specific categories for judging.

CONTEST ENTRY RULES:

WHO:

1. All entrants who are **DAR members** should notify their chapter Constitution Week chair and/or their chapter regent of their contest participation. The chapter should record for credit on the CMR.
2. All entrants who are **non-DAR members** must be sponsored by a DAR chapter.

WHAT:

1. All entries **must be an original art piece created by the entrant.**
2. All entries **must be an original art piece created by hand.**
3. All entries **must measure 11"x17"**.
4. All entries **must NOT include matting.**
5. All entries **must not include canvas framing.**
6. All entries **must lay flat with no raised surfaces as a means to accommodate ease of copying/printing.**
7. All entries **must illustrate the "spirit and/or meaning of the U.S. Constitution."**
8. All entries **must display the words: "Constitution Week, September 17-23."**
9. All entries **must NOT include the year.**
10. All entries **must utilize one of the following mediums and/or any combination thereof:**
 - a. Acrylic paint
 - b. Crayon
 - c. Markers
 - d. Pens
 - e. Pencils
 - f. Charcoal (with protective coating)
 - g. Pastels (with protective coating)
 - h. Paper
 - i. Text and/or images cut from printed materials such as newspapers and magazines (you will need to include the original cover page of your resource for each with your submission).
11. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** copies of any kind.
12. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** text and/or images created by drafting, enhanced through Photoshop, or printed copies found through using a computer.
13. All entries **MUST NOT VIOLATE** the U.S. Flag Coda.
14. All entries **must depict one of the following genre's** and or any combination thereof:
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Still life
 - c. Realism
 - d. Portrait
 - e. Collage
 - f. Impressionist
 - g. Traditional
 - h. New school
 - i. Dot work
15. All entries may be in color or black and white.
16. Each entrant may submit up to two entries.
17. **Entrant must surrender the original art piece.**



18. NO COPIES OF ORIGINAL ART PIECES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

19. Each original art piece MUST be accompanied by an entry form (i.e. two entries require two forms).

WHEN/WHERE:

1. All entries must be received by the chapter Constitution Week chair or chapter regent by January 1.
2. All entries must be received by the state Constitution Week chair by January 15. (When deadline falls on Sunday or a holiday, plan accordingly and have entry received before the 15th.)
3. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED.**

WHY:

1. The state Constitution Week chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
2. The judges will select a First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention. These winners will be honored at the state level.
3. The state Constitution Week chair will forward the poster chosen as First on to their respective Division Vice Chair by February 25.
4. The division Vice Chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
5. The judges will select a Division Winner, the Division Vice Chair will forward the winning poster to the National Chair by March 15.
6. The National Chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
7. The judges will select a National Winner. The entrant will be notified, and prints will be made available for sale at the DAR Store by the opening of Continental Congress that year.

HOW:

1. All entries are part of one category.
2. All entries are judged using the same guidelines.
3. All entries are judged with a point potential of 100.
4. Guidelines for judging entries are as follows:
 - a. Originality (1-15 points)
 - b. Adherence to rules of medium and genre (1-10 points)
 - c. Adherence to the "spirit and/or meaning of the U.S. Constitution" (1-10 points)
 - d. Composition (readable utilization of genre/s) (1-10 points)
 - e. Continuity (readable utilization of genre/s) (1-10 points)
 - f. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar (1-10 points)
 - g. Historical consistency (1-25 points)
 - h. Reproducibility (1-10 points)



CONSTITUTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of entrant _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Chapter Location _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Code _____

I (entrant) hereby state that I have created the original art piece, and in signing below, I grant permission to the National Society to REPRODUCE my entry FOR SALE.

_____ Entrant Signature, Member # _____ (if applicable)

_____ Parent or Guardian signature (if entrant under 18 years old)

Celebrate our Stars and Stripes! Celebrate Constitution Week!