



# 2020 Rowell Ranch Rodeo Art & Essay

## Entries Due May 9th

### This Year's Theme:

# “Centennial Celebration”

The **Castro Valley Rotary Club** invites all elementary students in Castro Valley (public, private or home school) to participate in an Art and Essay. COVID-19 has changed the game and physically separated us. This year will an effort to bring us together and display what make us strong as a community. If you do something as a team, group or family that is OK, but the student(s) at the age level entered must be the leader(s) & primary presenter(s). Your submission will be shown on the Castro Valley Rotary website (& perhaps others) & announce in the Castro Valley Forum – for all the world to see.

Artwork and Essays are submitted in three levels: K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. There are no prizes or special recognition, but your entry will be posted online for all to see. The benefactors are all of us. Guidelines for submission are below. Have at it!

### **Kindergarten and 1st Grade**

It must be hard for a young person to even imagine what a 100 years looks like! It is even rare to be able to celebrate a loved one's 100<sup>th</sup> year Birthday or realize that the house you live in might even be 100 years old! So, instead of thinking in terms of 100 years, we can celebrate a “milestone” in your life that was very special to you. Perhaps it was the first time you were able to ride a two-wheeler bike on your own, or swim across the pool. Maybe you got a new puppy, and you taught him how to roll over and sit. Did you lose your first tooth, and hope for the tooth fairy to come? Whatever you remember as being very special to you can be considered a milestone in your life, and something you can be thankful for. Think of something that you will always remember and celebrate as something special in your life.

### **2nd and 3rd Grade**

This year we are celebrating a time honored tradition of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, which has been going on for 100 years! This is amazing! Is there a tradition in your family or town that you look forward to every year, like the rodeo or parade? Perhaps you can't wait for the opening day of your favorite sports team, or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks your family enjoys on your summer vacation. Does your family have a traditional favorite camping spot you like to go to each year? Is there a special dinner or birthday cake made just for you, or a special T.V program your family watches together? Although you haven't been around for 100 years, you can always start our own tradition with your family and friends. Can you think of a tradition you would like to start that would make you happy, and one your friends and family will remember for years to come?

### **4th and 5th Grade**

“Centennial” means 100 years. It is fun to think about what your town may have looked like 100 years ago! Perhaps you have seen in pictures what the old buildings looked like, or how the streets were filled with horses and buggies, or the new Model T Ford cars! What do you think the old schoolhouse looked like? Since there were no televisions or computers, what kind of games do you think you and your friends would have played? It must have been important to have a nice garden and some chickens so you could have fresh vegetables and eggs to collect each morning. Maybe you even had a cow that you could milk each day! Do you suppose you used lanterns and candles for light, since most families did not have electricity in their homes? It almost sounds like camping! How fun!!!

**Essay:** Submit an essay of 125 words or less. Essays over 125 words will not be judged. PDF format is preferred, but an image is OK (jpeg) as well

OR

**ART:** Your creation can be anything you want: drawing, sculpture, photo or even a short video. Show your stuff! Submit images in jpeg or png formats.

**SUBMIT** your essay or art work along with the name of your school, your name, grade, address, phone number and parent's email to [RowellRanchRodeoParade@gmail.com](mailto:RowellRanchRodeoParade@gmail.com) Note: This information is for internal purposes. We will only identify the first name and school on any posting unless otherwise directed.

**All entries must be received by May 9th.** All entries become the sole property of the Castro Valley Rotary Club.

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