



## Mesilla's 150th Civil War Commemoration



# POSTER CONTEST

The Gadsden Museum invites ALL Las Cruces Middle School and High School students to enter their artwork in the Mesilla's 150<sup>th</sup> Civil War Commemoration Poster Contest. Winning poster will be duplicated and used to advertise this important event.

Mesilla is celebrating our 150 Civil War Commemoration, October 18-21, 2012. Below are some historical facts that can be considered when designing your poster:

Time line any combination from 1860-2012, Artistic license given to the artists

Cultures of the Mesilla Valley. (This is only an example: Native American, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo)

Religion during this time period (1860's) was Primarily Catholic

Agricultural community

The Mesilla Valley was governed by Spain, Mexico and finally the United States

Confederates and the Union soldiers

California Column came to Mesilla to protect the

Mesilla Valley from Indian raids

1861 Mesilla Civil war battle between Confederate and

Union soldiers

1854 Ratification of the Gadsden Purchase

1848 Treaty of Hidalgo

**Deadline to enter is October 1st, 2012**

### Guidelines for Artwork:

- 1) Posters can be drawn horizontally or vertically on 11" x 14" paper
- 2) Students may use crayon, colored pencils, markers, poster paint, ink and/or water colors. The artist's preferred medium.
- 3) Please submit an electronic file of your poster on CD or Flash Drive. (for Computer generated graphics only)
- 4) **Posters will not be returned.** They will remain property of the Gadsden Museum.

## Prizes

### For Middle School & High School

The following prizes will be awarded

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$125

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$75

### Judging Criteria

Theme

Neatness

Originality

Artistic execution

Creativity

**Mail or Deliver to:** Gadsden Museum 1875 Boutz Rd Mesilla, NM 88046

**Questions Please Call:** 526-6293

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Dona Ana County and its people*

*Established 1931*