WHY WE RIDE ART & ESSAY CONTEST

Attention youth ages 11-18 in Santa Cruz County: Here's your chance to shine. People Power invites you to put your creativity to the test as part of its "Why We Ride" Art & Essay Contest. Help educate the community about modes of transportation that are good for the planet with a persuasive essay, photograph, poem, drawing, painting, or another art piece that demonstrates the benefits. Contest winners will receive a cash prize of $100 and their artwork will be published in the People Power newsletter and in the Green Ways to School website and zine. Winning art will also be printed on Green Ways to School's T-shirts and posters. Submissions accepted until Sunday, April 22. - JENNA BROGAN

INFO: For complete contest details, visit green-ways2school.org. Call 425-0885 or email green-ways@peoplepower.org. Submissions must be made via email or mailed to Green Ways Contest c/o The Hub for Sustainable Transportation, 703 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, by 11 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

JESSICA DUNNE: FAMILIAR MYSTERIES

While driving down the highway at night in her hometown a couple years ago, Jessica Dunne was overcome with memories from her childhood. With the streetlights extinguished, Dunne had a clear view of the stars. She realized that sodium-vapor bulbs had altered the nature of night as she knew it in her youth. That discovery was the catalyst for her latest project—curtly on display at Cabrillo Gallery—entitled "Familiar Mysteries," which examines night through the lens of a car's windshield. In an almost desperate attempt to capture the hazy glow of streetlight avenues before the bulbs are replaced by new technology, her mesmerizing paintings are filled with nostalgia and the stillness of the dark. - JB

INFO: Exhibit runs through April 20. Cabrillo Gallery, 6501 Soquel Drive, Aptos. No Cover.