

Local student runs Generation Mars contest

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Generation Mars, an international space competition being launched by a local high school student, is accepting entries for its first contest.

Georgetown District High School OAC student Katie Harris and 18-year-old Adrian Hon, who is studying natural sciences at Cambridge University in England, are the creators of the competition which they hope will inspire students to take an active interest in space and science. It is open to students between the ages of 11 and 18 in Canada and the United Kingdom.

The competition will be split into three categories—explore, dream and discover. Explore will ask students to write speculative fiction



Katie Harris, a GDHS student, is offering a space competition.

about Mars. Dream requires students produce artwork, music, poems or sculpture related to Mars. Discover

will ask students to write about scientific topics related to Mars.

Judges of the contest include NASA Mars scientist Dr. Geoffrey Landis and award-winning authors Stephen Baxter and Pete Crowther.

There will be category prizes of \$1,000 as well as numerous runner-up prizes. The contest deadline is September 1 and prizes will be awarded in October.

Harris and Hon created the Astrobiology: The Living Universe Web site (<http://library.thinkquest.org/C003763>) which won an award from NASA, has attracted more than 100,000 visits and is referenced by university astrobiology courses.

Reference material for the competition will also be available from the Generation Mars Web site (<http://genmars.com>).



Honoured peacekeeper

Chuck Tutty (right) was recently honoured with the presentation of the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 president Harry Archer. The medal, presented under authority of Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, is presented for Tutty's "contribution to world peace while serving on an international peacekeeping mission." Photo by Ted Brown

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