

Next-to-Last Call for Entries . . .

20th Annual SENIOR POETS LAUREATE Poetry Competition for American poets age 50 and older is accepting entries for state and national winners until June 30, 2012 details at www.amykitchenerfdn.org or click the butterfly.



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Senior Poets Win "California Gold"

Three distinguished Senior Poets Laureate were among the 12 winners of the 2012 Spring Writing Contest sponsored by the Central Coast Writers branch of the Californis Writers Club:

Marian Kaplun Shapiro, past SPL of Massachusetts, won 1st Place for Unrhymed Poetry with "Rape."

Claude Blackwood, 2005 National SPL, and Von S. Bourland, won Hon. Mentions.

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Indigenous peoples found God as the spirit/mind in all things both inert (like rocks and elements) and alive like us. In Great Spirit there is neither greater nor lesser, younger nor older, dumber nor wiser, for each is perfect within its own form and function and, therefore, all are sisters and brothers. Interestingly, most Native American poetry and prose is free verse in style. It's sort of a crude comparison, but think of the human body being clothed in girdles, corsets and underpants, as compared to loin cloths or loose blanket-style draped clothing. The dream-catcher meditation helps us ungird our mind's loins and deswaddle our psyches.

As science explores spirit energy through quantum physics, modern man is moving into an electronic age of Great Spiritual awakening--via the computer. We are spiraling full circle, reinventing realms of consciousness the Indians reached via Dream Catcher meditations. Please bear this in mind and enter into our literary challenge by visualizing our Dream Catcher and allowing your mind to freely enter through its center, then let your consciousness free float like a hawk and write what comes to you in dreams, visions or while awake. You may meet the Spirit of the Ancestors or just have a relaxing, healing experience.

Whatever happens, tell us in prose or poetry. If selected, your piece will appear in the beautiful anthology Gifts of the Great Spirit, Volume III, to be published this summer. [Click here](#) for details.

May the muse be with you in the spirit of the Great Spirit. Aho.

Wanda Sue Parrott, Editor

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