

2013 SENIOR POETS LAUREATE POETRY COMPETITION



PUBLISHED and UNPUBLISHED Poems okay

NO LIMIT to number of ENTRIES you may submit A literary contest open to all American poets age 50 and older who are U.S. Citizens regardless of where they live or are staying around the world, the 2013 SPL Contest is privately administered by WANDA SUE PARROTT, original co-founder of the competition, and sponsored by Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Fdn. Judges will include former Senior Poets Laureate and honorary chiefs of the White Buffalo Tribe, sponsor of the Native American Poet Laureate Contest. Entries will be accepted between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2013.

AWARDS: State/Regional Senior Poets Laureate (Certificates & entry in final rounds for national award); National Senior Poet Laureate (Best Overall Poem: \$500 and Certificate); National Senior Poet Laureate Runner-Up: (\$100 and Certificate) Honor Scrolls (Certificates to be given at judges' discretion for entries that pass preliminary rounds but don't advance to the final rounds); At least two Golden Pen Awards to one living and one deceased outstanding poet; Other discretionary awards.

ENTRY FEES: \$5 for first poem; \$3 for second and all subsequent poems—40-lines maximum per entry (Do not include extra fee for duplicate copies of each submission.) **POSTMARK DEADLINE:** 6/30/13.

RULES : There is only one category: POET'S CHOICE. Any form, subject and style of presentation is allowed, but an entry can't exceed 40 lines plus title. Each entry must have a title, unless haiku or senryu. Single spaced; legible type, preferably 12 pt. size, black ink. No illustrations, fancy paper or handwritten poems, please. Electronic and Hard-Copy Submissions OK. Must follow all rules or risk disqualification.

HOW TO ENTER ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS: Electronic submissions should be sent to: amykitchenerfdn@hotmail.com We suggest you send yourself a copy in order to keep an entry record. No submissions will be returned. Send only one poem per e-mail entry. In the Subject Line state "2013 SPL (and your last name)" and in the upper left corner: **Your Name; Your Pen Name, if applicable; E-mail address;** Drop down 2 spaces and continue with **TITLE OF THE POEM IN CAPITALS; The poem, single-spaced, caps/lower case.** (Also include one electronic cover sheet by following the HOW TO SUBMIT COVER SHEET instructions below. Please state in the subject line: 2013 SPL BIO and your full name.) Your poem might be published in **GOLDEN WORDS** 2013 anthology to be produced by Great Spirit Publishing (Barbara Callahan Quin, Editor) unless these words appear above the title or first line of the poem: **DO NOT PUBLISH.** You must own the Copyright to all submissions. Entry automatically means you grant one-time permission for publication online and in print, with the exception as stated above. You retain all rights. Your entry will be acknowledged electronically and activated upon receipt of your entry fee per the instructions below entitled HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FEE.

HOW TO ENTER HARD-COPY (PAPER) SUBMISSIONS: Submit two hard copies of each poem. Keep originals, as copies will not be returned. In Upper Right Margin of one copy: Name, Address, Phone and E-mail; other copy remains blank. All winning entries might be published in **GOLDEN WORDS** 2013 anthology unless these words appear above the title or first line of the poem: **DO NOT PUBLISH.** You must own the Copyright to all work(s) which you submit; submission automatically means you grant one-time permission for online and print publication except as stated above. You retain all rights. Entries must be single-spaced on plain 8-1/2 inch x 11 inch paper. Margins should be standard 1 inch all around to give judges space for comments. Include one Cover Sheet with your entries.

HOW TO SUBMIT COVER SHEET: (One page, not one page per poem, should include)

A. Number of Poems Submitted: ____ B. Are you a U. S. Citizen? ____Yes ____No. C. Personal information: I. LEGAL NAME; II. Your PEN NAME if applicable.III. Your current RESIDENTIAL and E- MAIL addresses; IV. Your BIRTH DATE (month, day and year). V. Gender. VI. Occupation and if retired.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FEE: Make your check payable to: SP. Enclose two #10 Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes with 1 ounce postage each (one addressed to yourself and the other blank). Enclose entries if submitting by hard copy. Send to:

SENIOR POETS
c/o Wanda Sue Parrott, Administrator
P O Box 1821
Monterey, CA 93942-1821 USA

Winners will be notified by 8/31/12 and a list of winners will appear in the September edition of THE DIPLOEMAT News Letter that will be sent to every entrant and published online.

