



***POETRY***

***SOCIETY of***

***MICHIGAN***

**2009**

**ANNUAL**

**POETRY CONTEST  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

**SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED  
if postmarked between**

**May 15, 2009**

**&**

**CONTEST DEADLINE**

**August 1, 2009**



**OTHER INFORMATION**

1. NO POEMS WILL BE RETURNED.
2. JUDGES WILL BE SELECTED BY THE PSM CONTEST COMMITTEE AND WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO JUDGING.
3. AWARDING OF PRIZES IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES. NO CONTEST FEES WILL BE RETURNED. NO TIES WILL BE AWARDED, AND THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.
4. WINNING POEMS (1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PRIZES) APPEAR IN THE FALL ISSUE OF *PENINSULA POETS*. HONORABLE MENTIONS WILL BE LISTED BY AUTHOR AND POEM TITLE ONLY.
5. ENTRANTS MAY ENCLOSE A SASE TO RECEIVE AN ADVANCED LIST OF WINNERS.

**CONTEST FEES  
by Category**

	PSM Members	Non-Members
1. Premier	\$4	\$5
2.- 8. Categories, each	\$2	\$3
9. Youth	\$0	\$0

Students ( grades 1 – 12 ) may enter categories other than #9, Youth, but will be required to pay regular fees for such entries.

## ELIGIBILITY

This contest is open to poets across the globe except for category 3, Nature, which is open to PSM members only. One doesn't have to be a member of PSM or reside in Michigan to enter all other categories.

Entries must be accompanied by check or money order made payable to the :  
Poetry Society of Michigan .

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Submission Deadline Aug. 1, 2009

## CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. Premier: any subject, any form
2. Humor: any subject, any form
3. Nature: (PSM members only)  
any form
4. Villanelle: any subject
5. Family, Friends, Children:  
any form
6. Loss: any form
7. Article of Clothing: any form
8. Rhyming Verse: any subject
9. Youth: any subject  
(grades 1–5, form Haiku)  
(grades 6–8, form pantoum)  
(grades 9–12, form pantoum)

## PRIZES

Premier Category

1st: \$75.00, 2nd: \$50.00, 3rd: \$25.00

Categories 2–8

1st: \$35.00, 2nd: \$25.00, 3rd \$15.00

Youth Categories All Grades

1st: \$25.00, 2nd: \$15.00, 3rd: \$10.00

## CONTEST RULES

1. Poems that have won a previous PSM contest may not be submitted again.
2. Only one poem may be entered in each category.
3. The same poem may not be entered in more than one category.
4. Entries must not exceed 50 lines and must observe subject and form.
5. Entries must be the entrant's own work and may not have been previously published, including electronically. They may not be entered in a contest elsewhere.
6. Entries are to be typed, single-spaced, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper.
7. Two (2) copies of each poem are to be entered:
  - a) On both copies place the number and the name of the category in the upper left corner. If entering the Youth category #9, also include the grade of the student (1st – 12th).
  - b) On the second copy only, include name, address, phone # and e-mail address (if available) member or nonmember in the upper right corner.