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Poetry Society of Michigan

Sing then I must,
until my voice be heard
P S M Motto

2008 Poetry Contests

Contest Rules & Regulations

2008 Contest Chairperson

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Poetry Society of Michigan Contest Categories:

1. Premier, Poet's Choice
2. Humor
3. Nature; wonders of world
4. Religious/awe; challenge or illuminate
5. Family, Friends & Children (about hearth & home)
6. Love Songs, Blues and Other Personal Lyrics
7. Free Verse (energy crisis)
8. Rhyming Verse (any subject)
9. Mary Simion Poetry Contest, mystical - like Rumi, any form
10. Almeda Boulton Award, form Quatrain, rhyme or no rhyme
11. Youth Poetry Prize, Haiku of 3 lines: 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables, any topic

Prizes:

1. Premier 1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25
2. Categories 2-8
1st \$25 2nd \$20 3rd \$15
3. Mary Simion Memorial Prize
1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50
2008: Prize monies donated by friends of Mary Simion & her bookmates
4. Almeda Boulton Award for Poetry
One Single Award \$100
5. Youth Poetry Prize
1st \$50 2nd \$25 3rd \$15

CONTEST FEES

PSM Members Nonmembers

1 Premier \$4 \$5

Categories

2-8 \$2 \$3

9 Mary Simion Poetry Contest 2008

PSM Members \$10
PSM Nonmembers \$15
(complimentary PSM Dues Membership inc.)

10 Almeda Boulton Award for Poetry

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\$4 \$5

11 Youth Poetry Prize (Max Age 17)

PSM Members: \$0 Nonmembers \$3

For more information, contact:
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Poetry Contests 2008

The annual Poetry Society of Michigan Poetry Contest is open to poets across the globe. One neither has to reside in the state of Michigan nor become a member of Michigan's Poetry Society to enter. PSM is inviting the world to write poems.

Entries must be accompanied with check or money order payable to the Poetry Society of Michigan or PSM

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PSM (INTERNATIONAL) POETRY CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

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 may be in any form, and both rhyme and meter are acceptable, but should observe the 50-line limit.
5. Entries must be the entrant's own work and may not be previously published, or entered in a contest elsewhere.
6. Entries are to be typed, single-spaced, preferably to fit the book format (5 x 8 inch) since that is the format in which they appear in the contest issue. Entrants should make their own line breaks to fit onto a 5 x 8 inch page format-not an 8 x 11. Regardless of the book format, please submit all entries to portrait (not landscape) position on a 8 x 11 inch paper.
7. Two (2) copies of each poem are to be entered:
 - a. The first copy must contain the category number and category name in the upper left corner with the youth's age, entrant's full name, complete mailing address, area code and telephone number, and E-mail address (if available) in the upper right corner, and the poem's title and the poem below.
 - b. The second copy must contain only the category

number and category name in the upper left corner, youth's age and the poem's title and the poem below.

1. No poems are returned
2. Awarding of prizes is at the discretion of the judges.
3. Winning poems appear in the fall issue of PENINSULA POETS.
4. Deadline for submissions is August 1, 2008.
5. Entrants may enclose self-addressed stamped envelop (SASE) to receive an advance list of winners.

All rules apply, except as modified here:
The Almeda Boulton Award for Poetry

The quatrain is a poem or stanza of four lines. A quatrain is often part of a longer poem and can be either rhymed or unrhymed. If rhymed, the rhyme scheme could be abab, abba, abcb, or aabb. Quatrains are self-contained. A single quatrain is eligible, up to maximum of 16-lines, with interweaving of all four quatrains. However, each quatrain must maintain the original rhyme scheme and, though interweaving into a whole, each quatrain must also stand alone as a complete poem when read. Refer to William Blake's, *The Tyger*, for illustration of form.

2008 Judges: Larry Thomas &
Webb Scrivnor

JUDGES

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5/24/08

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Category Named Judge

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| 1. Premier,
Poet's Choice | Jack Ridl |
| 2. Humor | Jack Driscoll |
| 3. Nature;
wonders of world | Judith Minty |
| 4. Religious / awe;
challenge or
illuminate | Kathleen
McGookey |
| 5. Family, Friends
& Children (about
hearth & home) | Kathleen
McGookey |
| 6. Love Songs,
Blues & Other
Personal Lyrics | M.L. Liebler |
| 7. Free Verse
(energy crisis) | Kathleen
McGookey |
| 8. Rhyming Verse
(any subject) | Polly Opsahl |

Category Named Judge

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| 9. Mary Simion
Poetry Contest,
mystical – like
Rumi, any form | Ruelaine Stokes &
Bob Rentschler |
| 10. Almeda Boulton
Award,
Quatrain, rhyme
or no rhyme | Larry Thomas
& Web Scrivnor |
| 11. Youth Poetry
Prize, Haiku | Ann - Marie
Oomen |

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