



## 17th National Annual 2009 SENIOR POETS LAUREATE POETRY COMPETITION

A contest open to all American poets age 50 and older who are U.S. Citizens regardless of where they live or are temporarily staying throughout the world. The 2009 SPL contest is sponsored by Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Foundation (a non-profit Literary Society founded by Wanda Sue Parrott on July 31, 2001), administered by Yvonne Nunn, Dean, Cyber-College of Online Poetry, and judged by the Bardlets of the Cyber-College of Online Poetry and other members of the Meeting The Muse section of the sponsor's foundation. One National Senior Poet Laureate Award winner will be selected from qualifying laureate-title winners at state/regional level; these laureate-level poems shall be selected from Honor Scroll nominees chosen by judges in preliminary rounds. At the judges' discretion, a state or region may be represented by one Honor Scroll winner and one Senior Poet Laureate winner, or by either one or the other, with a limit of 2 possible awards given per state/region. Entries will be accepted between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. You must have written and own the copyright to each poem you enter.

**PUBLISHED and UNPUBLISHED Poems okay**

**NO LIMIT to number of Poems you may enter**

### A W A R D S

- State/Regional Senior Poets Laureate (Certificates & entry in final rounds for national award)
- National Senior Poet Laureate (Best Overall Poem: \$500 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.)

### ENTRY FEES

\$3 per poem—1-Page limit per entry — (Do not include extra fee for extra copies of each submission.)

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: 6/30/09**

### RULES

There is only one category: POET'S CHOICE. Any form, subject and style of presentation is allowed, but an entry can't exceed one page; must have a title; single or double spaced; legible type preferably 12 pt. size.

### HOW TO ENTER

Submit three hard copies of each poem. Keep originals, as copies will not be returned. (No electronic submissions.)

In Upper Right Margin of one copy: Name, Address, Phone and E-mail; other copies remain blank. All winning entries might be published in GOLDEN WORDS 2009 online anthology unless these words appear above the title or first line of the poem: DO NOT PUBLISH.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 publication of such work(s) and correlated publicity regarding same, with the exception as stated above. You retain all rights. Entries must be on plain 8-1/2 inch x 11 inch white paper, typed or neatly handwritten on one side only. No colored ink, borders, artwork, photos or shaped poetry that cannot be easily scanned for online presentation, please. Ink should be heavy enough to read easily. Type size should be no smaller than 12 point for ease of reading by the judges, and margins should be standard 1 inch all around in order to allow judges space in which to write comments.

**INCLUDE ONE SEPARATE COVER PAGE (not one per poem) containing this information:**

- I. Your LEGAL NAME.
- II. Your PEN NAME (by which you wish to be identified)
- III. Your current RESIDENTIAL and E-MAIL addresses
- IV. Your DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year). Entries lacking this data will be disqualified.
- V. Your GENDER. Entries lacking this data will be disqualified.
- VI. Current OCCUPATION if employed, or primary line of work if retired. (Indicate whether you are now retired.)
- VII. Anything else you would like to include, such as children, grandchildren, hobbies, awards, publications.

Please do not send books or magazines; however, feel free to send a photo of yourself. If you win, we will use it in the newsletter and anthology.

**TO SUBMIT: Enclose two SASEs with 1 ounce 1st Class postage, one addressed to yourself, one blank, with check payable to SPL 2009. Send to:**  
**YVONNE NUNN, Contest Administrator**  
**9221 South State Highway 208**  
**Hermleigh, TX 79526 USA**

Winners will be notified by 8/31/09 and all winners will appear in the September edition of THE DIPLOEMAT News Letter that will be sent to every entrant.