



## 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)

- PUBLISHED and UNPUBLISHED Poems are eligible.
- NO LIMIT TO NUMBER OF ENTRIES THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED.

### A W A R D S

*State/Regional Senior Poets Laureate & Runners Up* (Certificate & entry of laureate poems in finals)  
*National Senior Poet Laureate* (Best Overall Poem: \$300 and Certificate)  
*National Senior Poet Laureate Runner Up* (\$100 and Certificate)

### ENTRY FEES

\$3 per Page per Poem—2-Page limit per poem--(1 page, \$3; 2 pages, \$6)  
(Do not include extra fee for duplicate 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 no entry may exceed 80 lines; single or double spaced, in legible type preferably 12 point in size.

#### HOW TO ENTER

Submit two 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 copy remains blank. *All winning entries might be published in GOLDEN WORDS 2008* anthology unless these words appear above the title or first line of the poem: **DO NOT PUBLISH**.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 paper (without borders, artwork or other notes and illustrations), typed or neatly handwritten in dark (not colored) ink. Poems may be single-spaced; if a continuation page is necessary, please write the title in the upper left margin and staple it to Page 1. 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/or MAILING address if other than residential.
- 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 42 cents 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 2009 edition of THE DIPLOEMAT