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 where we turn Scribblers into Scribes and Meeting the Muse is a way of life

Poets steal spotlight in star-studded show of talent

Senior Poets Laureate Contest Spectacular Success

The 2008 16th Annual National Senior Poets Laureate Competition for American poets age 50 and older included 530 entries by 138 poets from 34 states and three foreign territories. After 1st Round winners of Honor Scroll Awards were named, all Honor Scroll poems were entered into the 2nd-Round of judging, from which the State Poets Laureate were chosen; 3rd Round of judging commenced, with the panelists scoring every state's poem on a scale of 1 to 10, with the poems receiving the top overall scores then being entered into a series of semi-final rounds in which further scoring was done and ties were broken. The judges were members of the Meeting The Muse Section of this foundation, and blind copies were submitted so all poems were judged on merit. Many came within a half-point of winning. The judges worked long and hard, and none of them knew, until I coordinated their findings and announced the results, who the new 2008 National Senior Poet Laureate and National Senior Poet Laureate Runner Up were. You'll find them on Page 2. Thanks to Judges: Al Baker, Al Beck, Ronald Cannata, Yvonne Nunn, Ken Roller, Katherine Sherin-Zauner and Vera-Jane Goodin Schultz, and to all of you who entered. It was a lot of work, but it was fun. Best, it showed the awesome and most-incredible talent that sparkles like Golden Words through the hearts and hands of America's seniors. It's been an honor to serve you. Thank you for entrusting me with your words, and for helping forge and form this muse-inspired bond of friendship that is worldwide and stretches, perhaps, even beyond the mere earthly plane. You brightened my life. May the Muse always be with you.

Wanda Sue Parrott, Editor & Contest Administrator

**2008 SENIOR POETS LAUREATE
 POSTER POET**



YVONNE LONDRES

Honor Scroll Award recipient from Texas symbolizes the glittering array of senior poets who made the 2008 contest a national and international success. Winners are listed inside . See last page for information about GOLDEN WORDS anthology and next year's Senior Poets Laureate Competition

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Coming in October  Golden Words See Page 8

About the other honors:

HONOR SCROLL, GOLDEN PEN and INTERNATIONAL DIPLOEMAT AWARDS

Honor Scroll Awards were given to all entrants whose poems passed the 1st Round of judging but did not advance into 2nd and subsequent rounds. Other awards traditionally given include at least one Golden Pen Award for a deceased poet and a living poet; this year, two awards were given for each category. Also, the International Diploemat Award was given to three poets from other countries who serve as good will ambassadors as part of our Corps of Diploets (a term meaning Diplomatic Poets). The winners are from Israel, Malaysia and South Africa.