

WyoPoets 2013 Annual National Contest

The Wyoming Poets organization is sponsoring its annual nationwide poetry contest. The contest will be judged by poet, Amanda Fall, who is creator and editor of SproutOnlineMagazine.com, a monthly indie publication that celebrates hope and healing.

Who

Contest is open to all poets worldwide, however, submissions must be in the English language and fees in U.S. funds. Prizes will be awarded in U.S. currency.

What

Poems, published or unpublished. Any subject, any form, 40 lines or less (including title and line breaks). All poems must be original work of entrant. No pornography, racial or sexual slurs, or language considered obscene by average broad-minded reader.

Deadline

Opens October 1, 2013 and the deadline is December 31, 2013.

Prizes

- First -- \$100.00.
- Second \$50.00.
- Third - \$30.00.
- Fourth - \$20.00.

Five or more ranked Honorable Mentions will also be awarded

Fees

\$2.00 entry fee, plus \$1.00 per poem. No maximum number of entries. (Eg. 3 poems for \$5.00, 5 poems for \$7.00) Checks and money orders must be made out to WyoPoets.

Requirements

Poems, except for Oriental forms, must be titled. Poems must be typed or computer generated, in English, on 8-1/2 by 11" white paper, or similar computer paper. At least 10 point, preferably 12 point or larger font. No more than one poem on a page. Single or double-spaced. One side of the paper only. Photocopies okay if clear and legible. Submit two copies of each poem, one copy for the judge with no identification on it. On the other copy, show your name, mailing address, and phone numbers in the upper right hand corner of the front side. No limit on number of entries. No electronic submissions. No one poet can

win more than one monetary prize, but can win additional Honorable Mentions. Include SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) for winners list to be mailed by April 1.

Submitting

Send both copies of poems submitted together with entry fee, to:

Nancy Ruskowsky, Contest Chair
331 Road 6RT
Cody, WY 82414

For additional info and questions e.mail nrusk59@gmail.com.

Final judging

Will be by a qualified out-of-state judge not affiliated with WyoPoets. Decisions of the judge will be final. The Contest Chair will not enter this contest. Winners will be invited to read their winning poem at the WyoPoets spring workshop (date and place to be announced later.)

Rights

Winning poems may be published in our spring newsletter ONLY with the poet's written permission. All rights remain with the poet. Be sure to keep copies of your entries as poems will NOT be returned. All copies of the poems will be destroyed after the spring workshop.

Joining WyoPoets

WYOPOETS encourage all poets, in-state or nationwide, to join our organization. WyoPoets is a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). Membership in WyoPoets automatically gives an individual membership in NFSPS, plus eligibility to enter their national contests, and a subscription to their newsletter, STROPHES, which lists most of the contests of member state organizations that are open to the public.

Membership dues in WyoPoets are \$20.00 per year. Fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. To join, send check, **payable to WyoPoets**, for \$20.00 and mail to:

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