

WyoPoets Sponsors "Eugene V. Shea Annual National Contest"

The Wyoming Poets organization is sponsoring its annual nationwide poetry contest. The contest judge will be announced at a later date..

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WHAT – Poems, published or unpublished.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 – WYOPOETS NATIONAL CONTEST opens **October 1, 2014** and the deadline is Dec. 31, 2014 2014.

PRIZES – First -- \$100.00. Second - \$50.00. Third - \$30.00. Fourth - \$20.00. Up to five Honorable Mentions will be awarded

FEES -- \$3.00 entry fee, plus \$1.00 per poem. No maximum number of entries. (Exa: 3 poems for \$6.00, 5 poems for \$8.00) 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, 2015.

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 email 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 poems at the WyoPoets spring workshop April 17-18 in Casper.

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.