

Poetry Contest 2010

Truth shines brighter clad in verse. JONATHAN SWIFT (1667-1745)

The Friends of the Talbot County Free Library and the Historical Society of Talbot County invite you to participate in the 20th Annual Poetry Contest. Talbot County residents and students registered in Talbot County public and private schools are eligible to enter the contest.

Shine up your poem(s) and enter the contest to compete for cash prizes.

POEM CATEGORIES are General and Historical. Contestants may enter one or two poems in each category. Entrants are encouraged to use the Chesapeake area as a topic.

HISTORICAL POEM CATEGORY: Poems should be about a historical person, event or time period.

GENERAL POEM CATEGORY: Poems may be on any topic.

In each category, entries will be judged in the following divisions:

1. Students in grades three through five
2. Students in grades six through eight
3. Students in grades nine through twelve
4. Adults

AWARDS will be presented on Saturday April 17, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Historical Society, 17 S. Washington Street, Easton. Winners will be announced and will read their poems. Booklets, printed with the winners' names and their poems, will be available free of charge. Winning poems in the Historical Category will also have their poems published in The Historical Society Newsletter.

Awards in the GENERAL CATEGORY are:

1. In GRADES THREE through FIVE: three Winners will each receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
2. In GRADES SIX through EIGHT: three Winners will each receive a certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
3. In GRADES NINE through TWELVE: three Winners will each receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
4. ADULTS: three Winners will each receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.

Awards in the HISTORICAL CATEGORY are:

1. In GRADES THREE through FIVE: one Winner will receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
2. In GRADES SIX through EIGHT: one Winner will receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
3. In GRADES EIGHT through TWELVE: one Winner will receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.
4. ADULTS: one Winner will receive a Certificate and \$50 in cash. Two Honorable Mentions will each receive a Certificate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Contestants may enter one or two original unpublished poems in each category; no artwork may accompany a poem. Submit four (4) copies of each poem: the **first copy** must include the contest category, the entrant's name, address and telephone number and, if applicable, the student's school and grade. The **other three copies**, to be used in judging, must contain no identifying information other than the title of the poem and the contest category.

Questions? Call the Library at 410-822-1626.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: All entries must be hand-delivered or postmarked by Friday, March 19, 2010. Entries may be taken to the Easton or St. Michaels branch or they may be mailed to:

**2010 Poetry Contest
Friends of the Talbot County Free Library
100 West Dover Street
Easton, MD 21601**

