

Sam Ragan North Carolina Connection contest for High School Students in North Carolina any subject or form – Deadline May 22, 2010

No Fee to Enter

To enter send three (3) copies of poem (no name, address, or other identifying information on one of the copies) to:

Terri Kirby Erickson, Category Manager, 130 Sedgewick Ridge Court, Lewisville, NC 27023

LINE LIMITS FOR ALL POEMS ENTERED
With the exception of sestinas, entries should not exceed 40 lines when counting the poem's title, any epigraph, blank lines and lines of text per stanza.

PRIZES

1st Place = \$25 ♦ 2nd Place = \$15 ♦ 3rd Place = \$10

Up to 3 honorable mentions will be awarded

CERTIFICATE

All winning poets (first place through the honorable mentions) will receive a certificate from PCNC.

2010 BAY LEAVES

An anthology of winning poems will be published, and each winner will be given a copy.

AWARDS DAY

The 2010 winning poets will be invited to read at **Catawba College** on a Saturday, October 16, for Poetry Day. **Winners will be notified no later than July 31, 2010.**

Each entry requires three copies of your poem

- ▶ Your original poem without your name or address, et cetera, that will be used for blind judging, and
- ▶ two additional copies of your poem printed with the following **contact information** – your name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if you have one)

All student entries should indicate **age of poet, grade-level, and school attended** on copies of poem with the student's contact information.

Category managers may disqualify poems that do not meet the stated criteria. Each poem entered to a category will be reviewed by the pertinent category manager for adherence to guidelines and overall suitability for a general audience of readers. Poems deemed appropriate to the category (the finalists) will be forwarded to the category judge for determination of winners. Please keep copies of your entries. **Poems will not be returned.**

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS: All winners will be notified no later than **July 31, 2010**. Each winner will be invited to read his or her winning poem during the 2010 fall Poetry Day awards ceremony and luncheon at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, October 16. An RSVP for the program will be sent to all 2010 winners, and other friends of PCNC, as soon as the luncheon details are finalized, approximately mid-August to early September.

Check www.poetrycouncilofnc.wordpress.com for updates and a list of winners.

The Poetry Council of North Carolina is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

NOTE: poems published in *Bay Leaves* may be featured at www.poetrycouncilofnc.wordpress.com (see also for updates)