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- **Submit entries to:**

Roberta Bearden, contest chair
P.O. Box 1750, Empire, CA 95319

call 209-522-9600 for more information

2009 Annual Poetry Contest Junior – Senior High School

NO ENTRY FEE

1st prize: \$50⁰⁰ 2nd prize: \$35⁰⁰ 3rd prize: \$20⁰⁰

Postmarked Deadline:

February 28, 2009

*Entries postmarked after February 28
will not be judged !!!*

**RE-CHECK YOUR ENTRIES FOR ACCURACY
NO PAPER CLIPS OR STAPLES, PLEASE**

Poems can be any subject, any style in categories 1 – 3. Maximum length (not counting titles) for all poems 20 lines.

Categories:

GRADES 10, 11 AND 12

1. Senior Poem: Any Subject, Any Style

GRADES 7, 8 AND 9

2. Junior Poem: Any Subject, Any Style

GRADES 7 THROUGH 12

3. Light or Humorous Poem

4. Special Theme: *Hope*

5. Aileen Jaffa Memorial Award: *Youth's View of Humanity*

6. Roscoe Fortson Memorial Award: *I Remember*

RULES

1. Postmarked by February 28, 2009.
2. Poems must be **UNPUBLISHED** and **NOT HAVE WON A PRIZE** in another contest.
3. Author must be a California resident.
4. Enter **ONLY ONE POEM IN EACH CATEGORY** for which you are eligible.
5. Submit **TWO COPIES** of each poem.
 - a. On the bottom, write and sign a statement that you are the sole author of that poem.
 - b. In the upper **LEFT-HAND** corner:
Category Number and Name
Grade in School
Author's Name
Author's Address, City and ZIP Code
 - c. In the upper **RIGHT-HAND** corner:
Teacher's First and Last Name
Teacher's e-mail address
School Name
School Address, City and ZIP Code
School Phone Number and Area Code
6. **IDENTIFY THE FIRST COPY** of each poem in the following manner:
7. The **SECOND COPY** of each poem must have **NO** personal identification at all (Judge's copy).

- Teachers of winning students will receive Certificates of Recognition. • Honorable Mention winners will receive Book awards.
- Winning poems will be published in a copyrighted booklet which will be offered for sale. However, poems remain the property of the author, to whom all rights revert.
- Teachers submitting poems for students are asked to select no more than 6 entries per class. Topics should be chosen by authors.
- Criteria for judging include: meaningful content, natural language, vivid imagery, precision in word choice, effective sound patterns, legibility, correct grammar and spelling. **Proofread carefully before submitting.**
- Please visit <<http://www.ChaparralPoets.org/contests.html>> for information, ideas, examples, and answers to your questions.

KEEP ORIGINALS OF YOUR WORK! Entries will not be returned. For a list of prize winners, send a SASE.

Winners will be notified by April 1, 2009. Non-conforming entries will not be judged. Language and themes **MUST** be in good taste. Decisions of the judges are final.

The Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Doubletree Hotel, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, CA 95354; telephone (209) 526-6000. Exact time and location TBA. The public is invited to attend.