

**POETRY  
DEPARTMENT #200  
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**AREA:** Open to all residents of Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** **Entry forms and fees due with entries.** See receiving schedule.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$3.00 – Adults & \$1.50 – Children

**RECEIVING DATES:** One original and two clear photocopies **must be received by August 8, 2009 with entry form**, at Fairgrounds Office.

**ENTRY FORM:** Page 161

**SYSTEM OF JUDGING:** American

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Enter only one POEM PER CLASS, with a 32 line limit
- **Entry fee** per poem \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR OVERPAYMENTS.**
- All poems remain the property of the owner. No manuscripts will be returned, so please keep a copy of your work.
- Submit only original poems that have never been published, not awarded a prize of \$10.00 or more in any contest. Do not enter a poem that is under consideration in another contest or by an editor.
- All poems must be plainly typed on **8.5 x 11 white paper** without graphics or illustrations. All must be written in English (except Spanish language categories), and be titled (except Japanese forms). One poem per sheet. In **upper right hand corner of all copies write SECTION and Class number**. In **upper left corner of ONE only state author's name**.
- If in the judge's opinion no poem in a class qualifies for an award, none will be given.
- Poems submitted which do not comply with contest rules will be disqualified and no refunds will be made.
- **All entries in the Poetry Contest must be received at the office of the Santa Cruz County Fair, 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076, no later than August 8, 2009. IMPORTANT! POEM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM. Envelopes should be marked Poetry Department on the outside.**
- Judging will be done in privacy.
- Poetry reading scheduled for Saturday afternoon, September 19th, 3 PM - 4 PM in the Arts Building.
- A Rosette will be given for the best incorporation of the Fair Theme, "Barnyard Beach Party". An award honoring former Department Chair Lalo Castro will also be given by his family to the entry judged as best capturing his free spirit.

- WINNING POETRY WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE ARTS BUILDING.

**SECTION 1: ADULT  
(18 years and older)**

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$33.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

**Classes:**

1. Any form, any subject: Relating to "Barnyard Beach Party"
2. Rhyme and Meter -- any form, any subject
3. Free Verse, any subject
4. Spanish Poetry

**SECTION 2: YOUTH  
(Use grade to be attended during fair.)**

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00

**Classes:**

1. Any form, any subject (for grades 5 and below)
2. Any form, any subject (for grades 6-8)
3. Any form, any subject (for grades 9-12)
4. Spanish, any form, any subject (for grades 8 and below)
5. Spanish, any form, any subject (for grades 9-12)

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