

Now... a NEW YORK STATE Regional Contest



Milton Dorfman Poetry Prize

An All New Approach

Rome Art And Community Center's world famous international poetry contest has been revamped and is now a Regional Contest for New York State residents only!

Why the change?

As a New York State supported Arts facility, we wanted to showcase the very best in local and regional talent, spotlighting the outstanding poets that live and create right here in the Empire State.

What does this mean for NYS Poets?

We hope this change will make for a more exciting contest, pooling talent from next door all the way to our large cities. This also means a more accessible awards ceremony, where we hope all winning poets will be in attendance—to read their poems aloud (sharing their unique point of view), create a community of poets, showcase our Center, afford the poets an opportunity to meet the Dorfman family, as well as our supporters such as local politicians and the media.

2010 Guidelines— Postmark Deadline: August 1, 2010

- Poets can be amateur or professional, however, submitted work may not be previously published.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- No limit on the number of entries.
- Must reside in New York State (your mailing address must be in NYS).
- Poems must be **typed on unlined paper**, NO HANDWRITTEN ENTRIES, or submitted using the online form.
- Your personal information may not appear on the front— must be listed on the back of your entry only. All incorrectly formatted poems will be discarded. This is so your poem remains anonymous to our judge.
- No entries will be returned. Please do not send a self-address stamped envelope.
- All entrants will receive notice of the awards ceremony, however winning poems will not be announced until the day of the ceremony. Prize winners will be notified by phone or email.
- A \$5 entry fee must accompany each entry. One poem equals one entry.
- No refunds. A \$30 return (NSF) check fee will be charged if check bounces.
- *There is no need to send any accompanying information along with your entry, such as cover pages or explanations, as they will not be given to the judge.*
- Mail your entry (entries) to: Rome Art And Community Center, Attn: Dorfman Poetry Prize, 308 W Bloomfield Street, Rome, NY 13440.

PRIZES:

All winning poems will be published on our Website, as well as regionally. All winners will also receive a free RACC household membership.
FIRST PLACE: \$150 SECOND: \$75 THIRD: \$50