

MUSE ON GREENSBORO · Calling All Poets

GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BICENTENNIAL POETRY CONTEST

Celebrate the Bicentennial by writing a poem inspired by Greensboro's past, present, or future. The winning poems must have a clear Greensboro connection. Poetic topics can be concrete in identifying Greensboro people and places or abstract in embracing emotions and understandings inspired by Greensboro events, such as topics about race relations and matters of faith. What in Greensboro inspires and connects you and your family to the community life and places of the Gate City? Let Greensboro become your poetic muse. (Call Suzanne Pell for more information: 373-2811.)

ABOUT THE CONTEST:

- Poets may submit two unpublished poems that they have written.
- Each category will have a separate panel of judges.
- Winners in each category: 1st place winner receives \$150.00; 2nd place receives \$100.00.
- The winning poets will have an opportunity for a public reading and will be published in newspapers, posters, restaurant placemats, and in a booklet of poems honoring the city's bicentennial.
- The winners will be announced at the end of February 2008.

APPLICATION PROCESS: due date – January 31, 2008

- Complete the *Muse on Greensboro* application form. The form is available on-line at www.poetrygso.org/contest and at the library branches.
- Use a separate application form for each poem. On a separate sheet, type your poem with its title. Author identification should only be on the application form.
- You can submit your application and poem on-line at www.poetrygos.org/contest OR
- You can submit your application and poem by mail to *Muse on Greensboro*, Suzanne Pell, Central Library, PO Box 3178, Greensboro, NC 27402-3178.

Muse on Greensboro APPLICATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT or TYPE) (office use/ application no.: _____)

Name of poet: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: (street, apt. no., city, zip) _____

Phone no.: _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate your category: () Youth (grades 9 – 12, up to 18 yrs. of age); () College students and young adults (up to 25 yrs. of age); () Adults (up to 64 yrs. of age); () Seniors (65+ yrs. of age)

If you are a student, please name your school or college: _____

Title of poem (use a separate application for each poem): _____

Please state the specific connection of your poem to Greensboro. Does your poem focus on specific people, places, or events that are part of Greensboro's history? How was your poem inspired by Greensboro? Please explain fully and be specific in your responses: _____

I verify that I am the author of this unpublished poem. (signature) _____

(Use back for more space.) Call Suzanne Pell for more information: 373-2811.