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## **NINTH ANNUAL VENTURA COUNTRY WRITERS CLUB POETRY CONTEST OPENS FOR ENTRANTS WITH NEW DIVISIONS FOR YOUNG POETS**

*Deadline for Entries is April 30th*

(Ventura, CA – March 4, 2010) The Ventura County Writers Club announced its ninth annual Poetry Contest. New this year is a two-tiered Youth category for poets under 18. Division A is open to entrants ages 13 to 18. Division B is open to poets ages 12 and under. Poets 18 and older are invited to enter in the Adult category.

“This contest enriches the culture of our community and supports our poets,” states Joyce La Mers, contest chair. “We received an outstanding group of entries last year from so many young people in the county that we decided to create a younger division to level the competition by age.”

All winning poems will be published in the club’s newsletter, *The Write Stuff*, and the winning poets will be invited to recite their works at a club meeting. All winners and families will be honored at a reception at the club meeting. The winning poems will appear in the next volume of the club’s *Anthology*, published every two years. There will be additional publicity for the winners to help promote their winning works.

“VCWC strives to promote writing as a positive creative outlet for young people,” commented club president Lee Wade. “By recognizing and rewarding their achievements, we hope to encourage more people – youth and adults – to consider poetry as a creative outlet.”

Full details and rules are available for download from the club’s website:  
<http://www.venturacountywriters.com/>

### **CONTEST RULES**

- Enter as many poems as you like. Submit one poem per page using Times New Roman 12 point type on white 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper. Send two copies of each poem.
- Do not place your name or any other identification on the poem pages.
- Include a separate cover sheet with name, address, phone number, titles of submitted poems, with the category and division in which they are entered.
- No poems that have been previously published in any form are to be entered.

*Poetry Contest cont'd*

- Entry Fees: Category 1: \$4.00 per poem for VCWC members, \$5.00 per poem for others. Category 2 - \$3.00 per poem.
- For electronic submissions, email poems, one poem per attachment with 'Poetry Contest' in the Subject line and mail to [VenturaCountyWriters@yahoo.com](mailto:VenturaCountyWriters@yahoo.com). Send cover sheet in separate attachment with information as shown above. E-mails must be time-stamped by 12:00 midnight April 30, 2010.
- Submissions must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2010. Send poems with appropriate check, made out to VCWC or Ventura County Writers Club, to:

Ventura County Writers Club  
Poetry Contest  
P. O. Box 3373  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

If entrants wish to receive the titles of the winning poems, they must send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) with their entry. Poems will not be returned

***About Ventura County Writers Club***

Since its formation in 1933 with four members in Ojai, the club has grown to more than 150 members and holds regular monthly general membership meetings. Members may attend, free of charge, a variety of Writers Workshops, groups that meet one or more times a month throughout the county to read and critique manuscripts and discuss many aspects of the business of writing.

Monthly meetings are open to all interested writers and are held the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at Borders Book in Thousand Oaks.

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