

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Contest

# Sophie Awards for Poetic Excellence

Sponsored by the Perry County Council of the Arts



*Sophie's Reaction Writers Group announces its 12th Annual Poetry Contest, open to all Perry County poets and PCCA members. The winning entries will be published in the Arts Council's newsletter, **The Artsquarter**. All winning entrants are invited to read their work at the **PCCA Coffeehouse in April 23, 2010** (the night before Youth Art Day and sadly PCCA staff will be unavailable). Prizes will be presented during the evening's awards ceremony. Please read the following guidelines carefully. **Entries that do not conform to the guidelines will be ineligible.***

## Guidelines -

**Deadline:** All entries must reach the Perry County Council of the Arts or be postmarked by **February 8, 2010**.

**Entry Fee:** \$4 per poem, three poem maximum. Make check payable to: PCCA

**Mail entries to:** Sophie Awards  
PCCA  
P.O. Box 354  
Newport, PA 17074

### Entry qualifications:

- Entrants must be Perry County residents or members of PCCA.
- All entries must be the original work of the contestant.
- Poems that have won prizes elsewhere may not be submitted to this contest.
- Poems that are currently entered into other competitions may not be submitted.

### Format:

- Poems may be free or formal verse.
- Poems may represent any subject (with the exception of entries for the **Kenneth P. Allen Award**, see rules below).
- Poem **must** fit on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" unlined white paper. Poems must be typewritten or computer-generated. Handwritten poems will be disqualified.

**DO NOT type or write your name on the same sheet as your poem.** Include with your entry a typed personal information sheet with the following:

- Your name, address and phone number.
- The title and first line of each poem you have entered.
- Be sure to keep copies of your poems. Entries will not be returned.

### Prizes:

**The title and duties of Perry County Poet Laureate 2010:** The title will be bestowed only on a resident of Perry County. This honor includes a certificate signed by the Perry County Commissioners, and a cash prize of \$100. The winning entry will receive publication in *The Artsquarter*. The Poet Laureate will be a featured reader/speaker at various county and Arts Council events throughout the year of her/his reign, and carries an ambassadorial mantle of responsibility to promote and enhance the literary arts in Perry County.

**Kenneth P. Allen Award:** \$25, framed certificate, and publication in *The Artsquarter*. Entries competing for this award should follow the regular guidelines plus the following:

- All entries competing for this award must be in the following form: anapestic tetrameter, aabb rhymed quatrain stanzas, 20 lines maximum, children's poem theme
- At the top of the page on which your poem is typed, please type the words **KENNETH P. ALLEN COMPETITION**. For a lighthearted poetic explanation of this form that sets the bar high, please visit our website: [www.perrycountyarts.org](http://www.perrycountyarts.org)

1st Prize: \$50  
2nd Prize: \$20 } plus a framed certificate,  
3rd Prize: \$15 } and publication in *The Artsquarter*.  
Honorable Mention: Publication in *The Artsquarter*.

*The Perry County Council of the Arts reserves the right to publish any of the winning entries in perpetuity, in any of its various publications and/or promotional materials, without payment to the author(s). Perry County Council of the Arts agrees to credit the author(s) with every use. The author(s) retains the right to publish the winning entry or submit it for competition elsewhere (in accordance with other contest guidelines). Entry in this contest (The 10th Annual Sophie Awards for Poetic Excellence) constitutes agreement on the part of the author(s) to these terms.*