



The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside

Reflections On Riverside

2014 Student Poetry Contest

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society invites Riverside-area students in grades 1-8 to explore this National Historic Landmark landscape and submit their original “Reflections on Riverside” to our 2014 Student Poetry Contest.

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2014.

THEME

Poetry reflecting or encouraging reflection upon any of Riverside’s natural spaces. While the natural area need not be identified by name, time should be spent outside in Riverside’s landmark landscape for inspiration.

RULES

Students in grades 1-8 residing in Berwyn, Brookfield, Lyons, North Riverside or Riverside may enter.

Poems must be original work, created for this contest.

Poems must be typed and must be free of student names.

Poems must be submitted to poetrycontest@olmstedsociety.org
The e-mail must contain: 1) the poem title, 2) student’s name, 3) school, 4) grade, 5) home address, 6) phone, 7) e-mail, and 8) name of parent or legal guardian.
The poem must be attached separately to the e-mail.

Entering by e-mail constitutes both student and parental agreement to the Certifications set forth on the reverse.

One entry per student will be accepted.

CRITERIA

Judging is based on: Strength of Theme (10), Appropriateness of Title (5), Meter/Rhythm (25), Originality (25), Clarity and Tone (20), Suitability of Verse Style for Subject (10) and Spelling and Grammar (5).

PRIZES

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society will award:

\$25 to the top winner at each grade level, 1-5.

\$50 to the winner at the Junior High level (grades 6-8).

The Riverside Public Library will award special honors for the most nature-oriented poem(s) at a ceremony to be held at the Brookfield Zoo on May 3.

Poems of the winners and runners-up may be featured in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter and on its Website, www.olmstedsociety.org.

All entries are eligible for publication in professionally-bound volumes to be maintained in the Olmsted Collection and in the Local Authors Section of the Riverside Public Library.

Please Note: Family members of poetry contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

