

## Continuation Sheet

Ware  
Poets

**WARE POETS** was founded in 1991 to provide a forum for poets to read their own work, and also to hear and enjoy guest poets. The group usually meets on the first Friday of each month. There is a modest entrance charge, and refreshments are available. Everybody is welcome and has the opportunity to read one or two of their own poems in the first half of the evening - or to read poems by other poets. Regulars come not just from Ware, but from a wide area of Hertfordshire, Essex, Bedfordshire and North London. Ware Poets meets at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware SG12 7ED. Details of forthcoming Ware Poets events can be found in the relevant area of the POETRYPF website at [www.poetrypf.co.uk](http://www.poetrypf.co.uk)

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# Open<sup>2015</sup> Poetry Competition

- **1st Prize** £600
- **2nd Prize** £300
- **3rd Prize** £150

SOLE ADJUDICATOR  
**CARRIE  
ETTER**

- plus **The Ware Sonnet Prize** of £150 awarded for the best sonnet submitted.

**CLOSING DATE:** 30TH APRIL 2015

## Carrie Etter

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American poet Carrie Etter has lived in England since 2001 and taught creative writing at Bath Spa University since 2004. She has published three collections of poetry: *The Tethers* (Seren, 2009) - winner of the London New Poetry Prize, *Divining for Starters* (Shearsman, 2011) and *Imagined Sons* (Seren, 2014); she also edited the anthology *Infinite Difference: Other Poetries by UK Women Poets* (Shearsman, 2010). Individual poems have appeared in *Boston Review*, *The New Republic*, *The New Statesman*, *Poetry Review*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, and many other journals worldwide. She has kept a blog since 2005 at <http://carrieetter.blogspot.com>.

### Ware Poets COMPETITION ANTHOLOGY 2015

We will publish an anthology of the winning and shortlisted poems in July 2015. The price will be £3.50, post free. To receive a copy, please complete and return the form opposite.

## Rules and Instructions for Entry

1. The competition is open to anyone aged 16 or over.
2. Poems should be in English, **must not have been published** either in print or on a website, nor be currently submitted or accepted for future publication. **They must not previously have been awarded a prize in any other competition.**
3. Poems must be your own original work and may be on any subject. They must be typed or neatly handwritten on A4 paper, and **no longer than 50 lines**. Each poem must be on a separate sheet of paper **which must not bear your name** or any other form of identification.
4. On the entry form or a separate sheet of paper, you should give your name and address and the title(s) of the poem(s) submitted. **Sonnets** to be considered for **The Ware Sonnet Prize** should be marked with an "S" in the top right hand corner. They will also be considered for the main competition.
5. Any number of poems may be submitted on payment of the appropriate fee, which is **£4 per poem, £12 for 4 poems, and £3 thereafter in the same submission**. Cheques and Postal Orders (in sterling only) should be made payable to **WARE POETS COMPETITION**.
6. If you would like receipt of entry to be confirmed, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope marked RECEIPT. For the results sheet, enclose SAE marked RESULTS.
7. We regret that we are unable to return poems, or amend them after entry.
8. The closing date is **30th April 2015**; results will be sent out in mid-June. An informal prizegiving ceremony and reading will be held at Ware Arts Centre on Friday 10th July 2015.
9. Copyright remains with the authors but Ware Poets reserves the right to print winning and shortlisted poems in the competition anthology.
10. Entrants in the competition will be deemed to have accepted these conditions of entry. The adjudicator's decision will be final; no correspondence can be entered into.
11. Entries should be sent to:  
**The Competition Secretary, Ware Poets Competition,  
21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB.**  
We are unable to accept entries by email.
12. Please tell us where you heard about the competition.

## Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Poem Titles

*Continue overleaf if necessary*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque/PO (payable to  
Ware Poets Competition) to the amount of £ \_\_\_\_\_

**I heard about the competition...**  
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### Ware Poets COMPETITION ANTHOLOGY 2015

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the **Ware Competition  
Anthology 2015** at £3.50 per copy to the address above.

(Please add the relevant amount on to your entry fee.)