

Ware
Poets



Open ²⁰¹² Poetry Competition

- **1st Prize** £500
- **2nd Prize** £200
- **3rd Prize** £100

SOLE ADJUDICATOR
**DEAN
PARKIN**

- plus **The RedPage Sonnet Prize** of £100 awarded for the best sonnet submitted and sponsored by RedPage Marketing.

CLOSING DATE: 30TH APRIL 2012

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 hand-written on A4 paper, and **not 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. No entry form is required, but, on a separate sheet of paper, you should give your name and address and the title(s) of the poem(s) submitted. Please tell us where you heard about the competition. **Sonnets** to be considered for the **RedPage 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 **£3 per poem, £10 for 4 poems, and £2.50 thereafter in the same submission**. Cheques and Postal Orders (in sterling only) should be made payable to **WARE POETS COMPETITION**.
6. For confirmation of receipt of entry if required, 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 2012**; results will be sent out in mid-June. An informal prize-giving ceremony and reading will be held at Ware Arts Centre on Friday, 6th July, 2012.
9. Copyright remains with the authors but Ware Poets reserve the right to print winning and short-listed 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 2012, Clothall End House, California, Baldock SG7 6NU**. We are unable to accept entries by e-mail.

Entry Form

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Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Poem Titles

Continue overleaf if necessary

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

I enclose a cheque/PO to the amount of £ _____

NOTE: Please make all cheques/POs payable to
Ware Poets Competition

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COMPETITION ANTHOLOGY 2012

Please send _____ copies of the **Ware Competition Anthology 2012** at £3.50 per copy.

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