

## Literacy Council of Highlands - Writing Contest

Purpose: To promote creative writing at all levels at the Highlands School.

Contest: The student will compose, write, and edit their own composition. The work may be of any form of prose or poetry, of any length, and on one of the following topics:

- A person living or deceased who resided in Highlands, North Carolina.
- An *actual* event that took place in Highlands, North Carolina.
- A *future* event occurring in Highlands, North Carolina as imagined by the writer.
- A descriptive work of the town of Highlands, North Carolina.
- A personal reflection of their life in Highlands, North Carolina.

Process:

- Any student at Highland School wishing to participate will register with the School Coordinator who will provide the writer with a Contestant Number. This number will be used to identify the writer as either a High School Student (HS) or Middle School or below (MS).
- The Contestant Number will be composed of two numbers; Student Level (Either MS or HS) and sequence number (e.g HS is a High School level student and is the second High School level student registered, MS-1 is the first Middle School student registered)
- Completed submissions will be made to (English/writing Teacher) no later than Friday May 2, 2008.
- Submissions will be judged by the contest judges based on the impact of creative work only. The length of the work is only important in the context of the authors work; there will be no added or deducted points by the judges based on the length of the work. Covers, bindings, and other presentations of the creative work will have no impact on the judging of the Creative Work.
- The judges will be Matthew Eberz (Author - *Tenth Man, Very Public Data*), Marjorie Fielding (Publisher Laurel Magazine), Ran Schaffner (Author – *Heart of the Blue Ridge*), Joshilyn Jackson (Author – *Between Georgia, Gods in Alabama*) and Clair Simpson (Owner/Operator Cyrano’s Book Shop).
- The Contestant Numbers of the judge’s top four submissions will be reported to Coordinator who will inform the contestants of their top four finish. The identity of the winner will only be known by the Judges who will know the winner only by the entrant’s Contestant Number until the winner’s number is announce.

Awards:

- There will be two (2) winners, one from each Student Level, who will each receive a \$250 cash award.
- The other top two finishers will receive a \$100 credit for the purchase of any books at Cyrano’s Bookshop.
- The winners will be announced at Cyrano’s or On the Veranda on May 17, 2008.