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### 6th Annual Voices of Lincoln Poetry Contest

1. **Poets wanted!** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be selected in each contest category.
2. The five (5) contest categories include the following: **"Make Me Laugh," "It's a Mystery," "My Best Friend," "Dreams and Fantasies" and "People in the News."**
3. Poets may submit a maximum of three (3) poems. Select three (3) of the contest categories and submit one poem from each.
4. Poems may be rhyme, free verse, Haiku or other accepted poetry forms and of any length, up to a maximum of 40 lines.
5. Poems should be typewritten and not centered (read left to right). Please use the Arial font 12-point. The title should be listed at the top of the poem and the category should be included at the top right corner of the poem. The name of the poet should not be included on the poem.
6. **Young Poets**, 18-years of age or under, are encouraged to submit poems and will compete in a special "Young Poets" category. Young poets should follow the same rules as noted above. However, they should include their age on the Entry Form.
7. All poems must be submitted on hard copy to the appropriate address listed on the Entry Form below and must be received **no later than Saturday, July 31, 2010.**
8. Early submissions are appreciated. A separate Entry Form should be attached to the hard copy of each poem submitted. Duplication of the form is permitted.
9. The top three winners in each category will be contacted by phone. Winners will be asked to submit their poems electronically, by e-mail attachment. Winners will read their poems **on Sunday, October 10, 2010** at the Voices of Lincoln event to be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Lincoln Public Library at Twelve Bridges (Willow Room), 485 Twelve Bridges Drive, Lincoln, CA. Winners also will be presented with a commemorative chapbook of the winning poems.

## 2010 VOICES OF LINCOLN POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM (One Per Poem)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (Young Poets Only): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Categories (Check appropriate category of poem submitted): \_\_\_ "Make Me Laugh," \_\_\_ "It's a Mystery," \_\_\_ "My Best Friend," \_\_\_ "Dreams and Fantasies," \_\_\_ "People in the News "

Title of Poem Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please insure that poems comply with all contest rules. No names should appear on the submitted poem. The title should be included at the top of the poem. Use a paper clip to attach a copy of this Entry Form (cut along dotted line) to each poem submitted. Mail the poem to Voices of Lincoln Poetry Contest, c/o Alan Lowe, 1235 Picket Fence Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648. All poems submitted must be received **no later than Saturday, July 31, 2010.** Early submissions are appreciated.