



St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

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St. Johnsbury Athenaeum High School Poetry Contest

Spring 2008

In honor of national Poetry Month, the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum is proud to announce an exciting new opportunity for young Vermont poets: a statewide poetry competition for students in the eleventh and twelfth grades. Our purpose is to encourage young writers in the spirit of the Athenaeum's founder, Horace Fairbanks, whose lifelong commitment to art and literature has enriched the community and the state for more than 130 years.

We are delighted to have nationally acclaimed poet Sydney Lea serving as the judge for this first contest. He will be reading all submissions that meet contest criteria, and winners will be announced on June 2. There will be a first prize of \$300 and \$50 prizes for two poets whose poems are chosen for Honorable Mention. First prizewinners will be asked to read their winning poem in the Athenaeum's summer poetry series, Readings in the Gallery.

All submissions must be postmarked by May 3. Included here are three copies of our submission form, including dates and guidelines. Please feel free to copy and distribute this material as appropriate and to share the information with your most promising young writers.

For further information visit our website www.stjathenaeum.org or call the Athenaeum 802-748-8291 and ask for Lisa von Kann or Irwin Gelber.