



# Reflections On Riverside

## 2011 STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

The **FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY** invites Riverside-area students in grades 1-8 to submit their original "Reflections on Riverside" to our 2011 Student Poetry Contest.

**Theme:** Poetry of any length or style which must reflect, or encourage reflection, upon any of Riverside's natural spaces.

**Criteria:** Time should be spent outside in Riverside's landscape for inspiration, though specific identifiers ("Riverside," "Swan Pond," etc.) are not required.

Judging is based on: **Strength of Theme** (10), **Appropriateness of Title** (5), **Meter/Rhythm** (25), **Originality** (25), **Clarity and Tone** (20), **Suitability of Verse Style for Subject** (10) and **Spelling and Grammar** (5).

**Rules:**

1. Poems must be the student's original work, created for this contest. Poems previously published, in print or on-line, are ineligible.
2. Poems must be typed on letter-sized (8.5" x 11") paper. Elementary school students may receive adult assistance with typing.
3. A completed Entry Form must be paper-clipped to the back of the poem.
4. Poems must be free of student names/identifying information.
5. One entry per student will be accepted. Entries will not be returned.

**Prizes:** The **Frederick Law Olmsted Society** will award:

**\$ 25** to the winner from each participating **Elementary** (multiple)

**\$ 50** to the winner at the **Junior High** level (single)

Family members of poetry contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

Poems of the winners and runners-up may be featured in the **Frederick Law Olmsted Society** Newsletter and on its Website, [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org)

All entries shall be published in professionally-bound volumes to be maintained in the Olmsted Collection and in the Local Authors Section of the Riverside Public Library.

**Deadline:** Entries must be post-marked by **April 30, 2011**.



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### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

**Title of Entry** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the attached entry to the "Reflections on Riverside" contest is my own original writing.

I hereby grant and assign to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois the *non-exclusive* right and permission with respect to the original writing submitted herewith to use, re-use, publish, republish and otherwise reproduce the same in any media and to use my name to identify authorship. I hereby release and discharge the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said original writing.

I further release the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois from responsibility for any injury which may be incurred during the research, production or submission of the original writing to this contest.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois may sell, assign, license or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees and assigns of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois.

I have read the foregoing and understand the contents hereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### PARENTAL CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release on behalf of said minor.

Mail entries to: Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois  
"Reflections on Riverside" Poetry Contest  
P.O. Box 65  
Riverside, IL 60546

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