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.

Reflections On Riverside

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**Deadline**

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

**Theme**

Poetry of any length or style which must reflect, or encourage reflection, upon any of Riverside’s natural spaces.

**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.

**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).

**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.

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.