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The Society for the Advancement of Poynter Library

Announces

The Twenty Fourth Annual Bayboro Fiction Contest

*New this year, there are two divisions:
Short Story and Poetry.*

Currently enrolled University of South Florida St. Petersburg students are invited to submit original short stories and poetry for The Society for Advancement of Poynter Library's annual fiction contest, now in its twenty fourth year.

WHAT IS A SHORT STORY? WHAT IS A POEM?:

The traditional short story is a fictional narrative in which a character or characters are changed or learn from the plot crisis and resolution. In her book, *A Guide to Narrative Craft*, Janet Burroway writes, "A short story strives for a single emotional impact, imparts a single understanding, though both impact and understanding may be complex. The virtue of a short story is its density. If it is tight, sharp, economic, well knit and charged then it is a good short story." For outstanding examples of the short story format, see: *A and P* by John Updike, *The Lottery* by Shirley Jackson, *Everything that Rises Must Converge* by Flannery O'Connor, and *A Worn Path* by Eudora Welty. Short story submissions are limited to six (6) typewritten double spaced pages. Poetry can be of any length.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?:

Any University of South Florida St. Petersburg student registered part or full-time for spring semester, 2010.

JUDGE:

Peter Meinke, widely published poet and retired professor of creative writing at Eckerd will judge the contest. Peter Meinke (1950) is Poet Laureate of St. Petersburg. His work has appeared in *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Poetry*, and dozens of other journals. He's published 15 books of poems, 7 in the prestigious Pitt Poetry Series, the most recent being *The Contracted World* (2006). His poetry has received many awards, including 2 NEA Fellowships and 3 prizes from the Poetry Society of America. His book of short stories, *The Piano Tuner*, won the 1986 Flannery O'Connor Award. He directed the Writing Workshop at Eckerd College for many years, and has often been writer-in-residence at other colleges and universities; for Winter Term 2010 he was "Distinguished Visiting Poet" at Converse College, in Spartanburg, SC. The U. of Tampa Press has just re-published *Lines from Neuchâtel*—illustrated by his wife Jeanne—in a handsome 35th Anniversary Edition, with added poems and drawings. He will be writer-in-residence at the U. of South Florida (Tampa) in the fall of 2010.

DEADLINE:

All submissions must be mailed to SAPL Poetry and Fiction Contest, c/o Nelson Poynter Library, 140 Seventh Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 and be postmarked by December 10, 2010.

PRIZES EACH FOR SHORT STORY AND POETRY:

First Prize: \$250.

Second Prize: \$150.

Third Prize: \$50.

FORMAT:

Please submit two copies of one previously unpublished short story of 2000 words or fewer. Entries should be double-spaced on one side of 8x11-inch paper. Please include the title of your story and the page number on each page of the manuscript. All manuscripts will be considered anonymously, so do not include your name on the manuscript itself. To complete the submission process, attach a [completed application form](#) and mail or hand deliver your completed packet to the address on the application. **TAKE CARE TO RETAIN A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL** because copies will not be returned. Winning stories will be published on the Poynter Library web site and may appear in the Society's newsletter. The title of the work is to be included on the work itself, but the author's name is not to appear on the work to facilitate judging. All submissions must be on paper; electronic submissions will not be accepted. Prize winners will be required to submit a Microsoft Word electronic copy for publication.

If suitable entries are not received, the Society for the Advancement of USF Poynter Library reserves the right to not award a prize or prizes. For further information, please call Carol Hixson, Dean, Poynter Library, at 727-873-4400.

Society for Advancement of Poynter Library
Annual Bayboro Fiction Contest

Entry Date: _____

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number, including area code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

U-Number: _____

Please sign and date the statements below:

I am currently a full-time or part-time student at USF St. Petersburg during the Spring semester.

Signature

Date

I understand that winning stories may be published in the Society for Advancement of Poynter Library newsletter and on its web site. I give permission for such publication.

Signature

Date

Return this application with two print copies of your story formatted according to contest rules to:

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