

ISLAND VOICES

The first Isle of Wight open poetry competition, in honour of the Centenary of the Poetry Society, founded 1909.

The competition is part of **Island Poets, Island Places**, the Isle of Wight's celebration of the Poetry Society Centenary. It is organized with the financial support of the West Wight Landscape Partnership and in partnership with the National Trust on the Isle of Wight, and of Farringford, originally the home of Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

The competition is open for poems:

- written in the English language
- up to 50 lines on any subject

Special prizes will be awarded in conjunction with the National Trust and with Farringford.

CLASSES:

- 18 years and above
- 11-17

Closing Date: September 30, 2009

ENTRY FEE:

- Adults £4 first entry, £2 for each further entry up to a maximum of 5 poems in total.
- Under 18s - Free

Guests of Farringford may submit one poem free of charge.

There will be a prize-giving ceremony on November 14th at Quay Arts, Newport, Isle of Wight, as part of the grand finale of the Poetry Society Centenary celebrations on the Island, and later we hope to publish winning and other selected entries within a centenary anthology.

Download an entry form from the website www.poetrysocietyisleofwight.co.uk or use the form overleaf.

PRIZES

	ADULTS	UNDER 18
First	£100	£30
Second	£50	£15
Commended	3x£10	3x£10



SPECIAL PRIZES:

West Wight - for poems relating to the landscape, seascape or traditions of the western end of the Island, including the sites owned by the National Trust

- National Trust site visit and shop vouchers
- 1 year family membership of the National Trust
- 1 year family membership of Hants and IoW Wildlife Trust

Farringford - for a 'Tennyson Bicentenary' poem, marking the year; a poem on a national or personal event or a comment on your life or the world in 2009.

- A two night mid-week stay at Farringford for 2
- Books/vouchers donated by Waterstones
- Under 18's - bike vouchers worth £200 to use at the Bike Shed, Merstone, Isle of Wight.

JUDGE

Judging by **Gillian Allnutt** who has published seven collections of poetry, including *New & Selected Poems* (Bloodaxe, 2007), with two of her collections being shortlisted for the prestigious TS Eliot prize. In 2005 she won the 4th Northern Rock Foundation Writer's Award. She has held Royal Literary Fund Fellowships at Newcastle and Leeds Universities, and currently teaches English & Creative Writing. She co-edited the anthology 'The New British Poetry' (Paladin, 1988) and was previously poetry editor of 'City Limits'.

She lives in Co. Durham.

For details of other events taking place in 2009 as part of **Island Poets, Island Places**, go to www.poetrysocietyisleofwight.co.uk

