



# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. POETRY CONTEST

*sponsored by the Garden Club of Mansfield*

## **THEME: GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH**

Our goal is to excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

General Education – Kindergarten through 9th grade.

Special Education and English as a Second Language – Kindergarten through 9th grade.

## **CONTEST RULES:**

- All entries must be typed and titled
- Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry
- Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified
- All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme
- Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick or Haiku
- Poems will be judged by title, content, creativity and style

Note: Only regional winners are considered in the judging for national winners. Contest winners will not be allowed to win two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

## **CONTEST DEADLINE:**

November 5, 2014.

Drop off entries at the Mansfield Public Library at drop off box in the youth room

OR mail contest entries to:

Poetry Contest  
c/o The Garden Club of Mansfield  
P.O. Box 1397  
Mansfield, MA 02048