

# The Franciscan Spirituality Center presents

## Stories of the Earth: Second Spiritual Literature Contest Call for entries

Much of a writer's inspiration comes from nature. In this contest, our focus will be on the way earth heals, nurtures and teaches. We are looking for experiences of nature and ways we find God in nature. Our intent is to hold up stories which empower us to think about our interconnectedness to all creation.

### THE PRIZES

\$250 grand prize for best all around

\$150 for each first place winner

\$100 for each second place winner

\$50 for each third place winner

### THE CATEGORIES

Non-fiction Essay: 1,500 words or less

Poetry: 250 words or less

### THE RULES

1. The competition is open to essays and poetry with the word counts of 1,500 words or less for essay and 250 words for poetry. Entries outside of the word limitation will be disregarded.
2. All entries must come with a cover page. Type the word count, your name, street address, daytime phone number, and email address. (Word counts do not include the title of the work.)
3. Consecutive pages: Please put the title of the work and the page number on the pages after the cover page. Please DO NOT put your name on these pages. Judges are not privy to contestant names.
4. The entry fee is \$10 per essay or poem. You may enter as many essays or poems as you wish. You may send one check and one entry form for all your entries.
5. All entries must be typewritten and double-spaced (poetry can be single spaced) on one side of 8-1/2 x 11 or A4 white paper. Entries should be paper clipped, not stapled. Entries will not be returned.
6. All entries must be in English, original, unpublished and not accepted by any other publisher at the time of submission.
7. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, January 27, 2012.
8. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2012. If you have not been contacted by this date, you may assume your entry is not a finalist and may be marketed elsewhere.
9. The grand prize winner and first place winners may be asked to read a portion or all of their winning submission at the FSC Summer Program in June 2012.
10. Winners' names will appear on the FSC website and in the FSC Summer Program brochure.
11. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your entry if you would like to be notified of its receipt. We cannot notify you personally of your story's status before the winners are announced.
12. Employees of Franciscan Spirituality Center and their immediate families are not permitted to enter the competition.

### ENTRY FORM

I am entering \_\_\_\_ essay(s)/poem(s) at \$10 per entry.

\_\_\_ I would like to order a copy of *Essential Inklings* at \$10 + 2.50 shipping and handling.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entries(s) and entry fee to:

FSC Spiritual Literature Competition, 920 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

You may e-mail your entry in Microsoft Word Format to: [fscenter@fspa.org](mailto:fscenter@fspa.org)

Please send payment for entry with entry form within one week of e-mail submission.

