POETRY VIRGINIA POETRY CONTEST
ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
ALL WELCOME

Saturday, April 18, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or so
at the Tuckahoe Branch Library of Henrico County (just outside Richmond)
1901 Starling Drive, Henrico, VA, 23229
It's just a few blocks south of exit 181 on I 64,
heading south on N. Parham Rd.

The Schedule:
9:30 - 10:00: *we* **arrive** *and* **mingle** *and maybe* **nibble** *a bit*
10:00 - 12:30: *we award the* **awards**
12:30 or so: *we close out the ceremony with a* **free raffle** *(see below)*
1:00 or so: *want to gather for* **lunch?** *Let's do it!*

The Invitation:
The Awards Ceremony is our one annual gathering to celebrate the excellence of our own members' writing. This year, in the 25 categories of the adult contest, we received 1,883 poems from 141 poets, some of whom reside outside the state. Each category was judged by a different poet—all very well-published, and hailing from across the nation. If you've won a prize or an honorable mention, please come to bask in your praise. If you did not win, or even if you did not enter, please come to celebrate the achievement of those who did, and to gather together with PSV members from all across our state.

The Raffle:
The Awards Ceremony exists to celebrate achievement in the writing of poetry.
And also, we hope, to foster the appreciation as well as the writing of good poetry!
What better way to do this than to give away autographed poetry collections, by some of Virginia's leading poets, for our members to read and be inspired by?
So this year we're raffling off—free—about five such books.
To enter, all you have to do is pre-register for the event and to attend it.

The Pre-Registration:
Please, *do attend even if you don't pre-register*. But it helps us to plan if we can get some kind of very rough count. So pre-register, and you're automatically entered in the raffle.
To pregister, just e-mail your name and head-count to Derek Kannemeyer
at derekkannemeyer@gmail.com, or at dkannemeyer@st.catherines.org.

The Lunch:
Please join us, if you can, for lunch afterwards, at Pesce & Vino!
The restaurant is at 8801 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA, 23229. a couple of miles from the library. (Go one fifth of a mile south on Starling Road; turn left onto North Parham, then right onto Fargo; after a half-mile, turn right on Three Chopt.)

POETRY VIRGINIA

Annual Poetry Festival

May 15-16, 2015

The annual festival occurs in Williamsburg on a busy weekend in May, sharing the spotlight with the William & Mary graduation and a WPGA Golf Tournament at Kings Mill. Hence, those members coming from out of town and planning to stay overnight are encouraged to make reservations early. We have a block of rooms set-aside for festival attendees at a reasonable rate - $75 per night. To ensure you have a place to stay, contact:

LaQuinta Inn
814 Capitol Landing Rd.
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757)229-0200