



**NATIONAL
PERCEPTIONS
FORUM**

***Martha
Robinson***

***Poetry
Competition
2009***



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

PRIZES 1st - £100 2nd - £50 3rd - £25

Perceptions is holding a poetry competition open to all mental health ex/service users in the UK, following on from six others in recent years. There will be Commendations in addition to the three prize-winning poems and all poems will be considered for publication in "Perceptions" and on our website www.perceptionsforum.org.uk. Winners will be informed after the judging. The results will be published after this in "Perceptions" late in 2009.

MARTHA ROBINSON

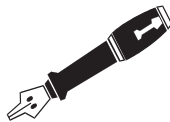
The competition is funded by money bequeathed to us for this purpose by Martha Robinson several years ago. Martha's son had a diagnosis of schizophrenia, having previously won a scholarship to Oxford. He died tragically aged only 38. After this Martha, an author, became involved with NSF (now Rethink) and through their newsletter collected poems by service users and published an anthology. Following on from the success of this a second was published and she went on to organise an international poetry competition. She saw the poems as a way of educating the public about the reality of what is called schizophrenia.



RULES OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be judged by a panel of judges who have been chosen by the National Perceptions Forum Business Meeting. The rules of the competition are as follows.

- 1 The competition is open to ex/service users only.**
- 2 Only unpublished material will be accepted.**
- 3 Entrants must be UK residents.**
- 4 Entries must be LEGIBLE.**
- 5 There must be only one entry per person.**
- 6 Entries must not exceed one side of A4 paper and be no more than 50 lines long.**
- 7 The title of the poem must be at the top of the page.**
- 8 The entrant's name must not appear on the poem. (This is in order to preserve anonymity for the judging)**
- 9 Entries must be accompanied by an entry form.**
- 10 The judges' decision is final.**





Please send the form below with your entry to:
National Perceptions Forum, Poetry Competition, Rethink,
89, Albert Embankment, London. SE1 7TP

ALL ENTRIES MUST ARRIVE BY
FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2009



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| MARTHA ROBINSON POETRY COMPETITION 2009 ENTRY FORM | |
| NAME | |
| ADDRESS | |
| TELEPHONE | |
| TITLE OF POEM | |
| NAME OF PERCEPTIONS GROUP (if applicable) | |
| HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE COMPETITION? | |
| SIGNATURE | DATE |
| <u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u> ENTRY NUMBER: | |

