

Maine Postmark POETRY CONTEST for Maine citizens & visitors!

Anyone may submit entries by mail from anyplace in Maine. Entries of up to **two (2) pages** of poetry (one poem per page: two short poems or one longer poem); each entry must be accompanied by a \$5 reading fee. **You may submit more than one entry** but each additional entry is an additional \$5. Proceeds will be used to support The Belfast Poetry Festival; the festival committee will screen entries and forward finalists to an outside judge, a poet of national reputation, who will choose first, second and third place winners. Winners will be announced and published in the Maine press and invited to read the winning poems at the **Belfast Poetry Festival** on October 14 & 15, 2011; a special volume of Maine poetry will also be presented to the winners.

Submissions are welcome from now until September 1, 2011; **only submissions received with a Maine postmark** and dated September 1 or earlier will be accepted and read. Poems should be sent *without* the poet's name on the poem and accompanied by a cover letter listing the poet's name, contact information (address, email and phone) and the title of the poem(s) submitted so that poems can be read anonymously. Cover letters need not include biographical information. Poems sent without a cover letter will be disqualified. All poems must be original and previously unpublished. Poems will not be returned, so please do not send originals or an SASE.

Send entries—up to two pages and no more than two poems, accompanied by a cover letter with contact information and a check for \$5 made out to the City of Belfast for each entry—to:

Jacob Fricke, Belfast Poet Laureate
Attn: Maine Postmark Poetry Contest
P.O. Box 911
Belfast, ME 04915

Questions? Contact Arielle Greenberg, Belfast Poetry Festival Committee, at ariellecg@yahoo.com or check the website at www.belfastpoetry.com.