

Words by the Water / Mirehouse Poetry Competition

COMPETITION THEME:

“The bliss of solitude” (Wordsworth)

To be interpreted freely.

JUDGE: John Burnside

John Burnside has written nine collections of poetry and five works of fiction. In 2000 he won the Whitbread Poetry Award.

PRIZES

1st Prize £350. In addition, the prize-winning poem and eight highly commended poems will be displayed on the Mirehouse Poetry Walk and appear on the website. The eight highly commended poets will also receive a box of new books (value £100).

There will be a reading of these nine poems at a special event with John Burnside at Mirehouse on Saturday 13 March at 11.30am

Conditions of entry:

- Entries are invited for original poems of no more than 40 lines.
- Entry fee £4 per poem.
- Entrants may submit as many poems as they wish.
- 2 copies of each poem must be submitted.
- Entries should be in English and typed or very clearly written on one side of paper.
- No entry should have been accepted for publication, read on radio/television or stage or have been awarded a prize in any other competition.
- Entrants must not put names or addresses on the work but must put name, address and titles of poems on a separate sheet.

Cheques payable to ‘Words by the Water’ and sent with entries to:
Mirehouse Poetry Competition, Droridge Farm,
Dartington, Devon TQ9 6JG

Closing Date - Friday 12 February 2010

Winners notified by Friday 26 February 2010

Entrants should enclose an s.a.e. for notification of results.
Entries cannot be returned.

The Mirehouse Poetry Prize has been given to celebrate Mirehouse’s longstanding literary connections with writers including Wordsworth, Southey, Tennyson, Fitzgerald, Carlyle and Thackeray.