

The 2010 New England Shakespeare Festival
Rubber Ducky Sonnet Contest
To Benefit the New England Shakespeare Festival

Prize: A Shakespeare Rubber Ducky

The winner will be published on the New England Shakespeare Festival Website, and will have a video clip of a Shakespearean Actor reading their poems posted on the New England Shakespeare Festival website. The Rubber Ducky Contest is held in conjunction with the Shakespearean Sonnet Contest. Contestants are encouraged to enter both, but may enter either at their discretion.

The winner will be announced by October 15, 2010 at <http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org>. The prize will be awarded to the most amusing poem that incorporates the phrase, “doting mallard” (*Antony and Cleopatra*, III.xi.).

1. Sonnets must be Shakespearean:
 - fourteen lines
 - ababcdcdefefgg rhyme scheme
 - basically written in iambic pentameter, variations and substitutions are permitted.
2. Submissions must be original and unpublished.
3. Writers may enter as many sonnets as they wish.
4. The entry fee is \$3 per sonnet. Checks should be payable to “The New England Shakespeare Festival.”
5. Entries may be submitted electronically using the Sonnet Contest Online Entry Form (http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/rubber_ucky_sonnets_online_entry_form.htm) or via regular mail. When submitting by mail, send two copies of each poem. The author’s name, address, telephone number and email, if available, should be typed on the upper left-hand corner of one copy. The other copy should include only the poem, the title and the name of the contest for anonymous judging. Please write “NESF Rubber Ducky Contest” in the upper right-hand corner of each entry.
6. The poem must contain the phrase “doting mallard.”
7. Minors may enter the contest, but a parent/guardian must sign and return the Parent/Guardian permission form (www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/parent_consent_form.pdf). If submitting by mail, please include the form. If submitting online, please mail the form separately. Poems submitted by minors will not be considered until this form is received.
8. Entries must be postmarked not later than **August 1, 2010** and mailed to:

NESF Rubber Ducky Sonnet Contest
 C/O Stephen Scaer
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