1. Original Adult Poetry **AUTHORS:**
- must be an adult, 18 years of age or older
- must be a member of the club that submitted the entry in the regional competition
- is **not** the current regional or AFMS BEAC (there is now a category specifically for BEACs)
- may have only one AFMS submission per club per category per region
- a 1st place AFMS trophy winner is NOT eligible for AFMS in the same category for the following 2 years

2. Original Adult Poetry:
- is hobby-related
- was written expressly for the club bulletin from which it was entered
- was written for one bulletin and one region
- was NOT written by the current regional or AFMS BEAC
- was NOT written for a regional newsletter
- has NOT been previously published in a magazine or company publication
- has NOT been previously used for a display case, show handout, or class/seminar
- should not be copied verbatim from a source (plagiarism!)
- will be judged in the following areas: **BEAC or judge will circle appropriate choices under A, B, E, & F:**
  A. Appeal/Interest
     1. General Audience OR
     2. Specialized Audience
  
  B. Meter Rhythm
     1. Open Verse (unrhymed) OR
     2. Rhyming
  
  C. Originality of subject matter and/or Approach
  
  D. No apparent copyright violations
  
  E. Clarity & Appropriateness
     1. Serious topic or purpose OR
     2. “Just for fun”
  
  F. Suitability of verse style for subject
     1. Hai-ku OR
        Limerick OR
        Short stanza OR
        Acrostic Poem
        OR
     2. Long stanza
  
  G. Spelling & Grammar appropriate
  
  H. Title appropriate; Author identified