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**The Essence of Community - Franklin Village Creative Writing Competition**

Franklin Village is sponsoring a creative writing competition as part of the continuing effort to raise funds for the restoration of the Kreger Farm Buildings as a Community Center.

The theme is "The significance of community as it embraces history and the natural environment."

Betty-lee Hepworth, Franklin Foundation Board member, said, "We dwell within our community and often do not experience it. Writing allows us to think about what we take for granted each day."

Submissions can be poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction, with a maximum length 1,000 words. Poetry and prose will be judged separately.

Categories: Student Junior: 5-14 years  
Student Senior: 14-18 years  
Adult: 19 and older

All entries must be "hard copy" and sent to the Franklin Village Library, 32455 Franklin Rd., Franklin, 48025, postmarked by Friday, August 7, 2009. All submissions must be typed on one side of an 8 1/2 x 11 white paper with a 1" margin and double-spaced. The number of words and the category must be indicated in the upper right corner of the entry along with your name. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form and the required entry fee.

Winning entries will be announced at the Franklin Roundup on Labor Day, September 7, 2009. First place winners will receive \$50. Other prizes are available for second place and honorable mention. All winners will be published in Village newsletters. Judging will be by Friends of the Franklin Village Library.

Entry donation for Poetry is \$15 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional entry. Entry donation for Prose is \$20 for the first manuscript and \$15 for each additional manuscript. Checks should be made payable to the Franklin Historical Society-Kreger House Fund.

Entry forms and full details are available at the Franklin Library. Call 248-851-2254 or email [tnatzke@franklin.lib.mi.us](mailto:tnatzke@franklin.lib.mi.us).