



Announcing Spirit of the Renaissance Poetry Competition

*In Honor of Jessie Redmon Fauset
Author, Activist, Novelist*

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 10!!

To celebrate its **Fifth Annual Jessie Redmon Fauset Day** on **April 26, 2008**, the Lawnside Historical Society invites Camden County students in fifth through twelfth grades to compose original poetry for the *Spirit of the Renaissance Poetry Competition*.

The Harlem Renaissance was a vibrant period of literary creativity and intellectual excitement centered in the 1920s in Harlem, New York, around a circle of African-American writers, poets and artists. Langston Hughes, one of the foremost poets of the 20th century, called Miss Fauset, the “mid-wife” of the Harlem Renaissance because of her work as literary editor of “The Crisis” magazine. The Lawnside Historical Society celebrates Miss Fauset because she was born in Lawnside, Camden County, in 1882 when her father was pastor of Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Learn about Jessie Redmon Fauset and the Harlem Renaissance at www.petermottthouse.org/JRFDay.html

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

Poets will read their winning entries at the **Fifth Annual Jessie Redmon Fauset Day**, **Saturday, April 26, 2008** at 2 p.m. at **Lawnside Public School, 426 East Charleston Ave.**

Competition Rules

THEME: *Where My Strength Lies*

Eligibility: Fifth through 12th grade students who reside in Camden County

Format: Each entry must consist of no more than three pages of sonnets, ballads, rhymes or other poetic genres written by the student. Each page of each entry must bear a page number, the typed name, home address including city and zip code, home telephone number, school name and grade level of the student submitting the entry. *Entries containing profanity will be disqualified.*

!!NEW EXTENDED DEADLINE: All entries must be received by mail by April 10 at: Lawnside Historical Society, P.O. Box 608, Lawnside, NJ 08045-0608. Email submissions are not permitted.

This competition and the Fifth Annual Jessie Redmon Fauset Day are supported by a grant from the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission through the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey Council on the Arts.

The Lawnside Historical Society is a designated organization of the New Jersey Cultural Trust and is funded, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission.

“Culture has a home in Camden County”