

NEWS ALERT

Cortec® Employee Places 7th at the International Society of Poets 2007 Convention & Symposium.

PLAYGROUND IN HEAVEN

By Brenda Grasley

There must be a playground in Heaven
Where all the children go
Where no one is sick and crying
And the swing sets are of solid gold

There must be a playground in Heaven
Where babies are no longer in pain
They wait for Mommy & Daddy
To hold them in their arms again

There must be a playground in Heaven
Where darkness never falls
Where the babies are never lonely
For the Angels hold them all

There must be a playground in Heaven
Where gardens are always in full bloom
Where each flower is perfection
For one more, there is always room

There must be a playground in Heaven
Where children never grow old
Where each day is filled with laughter
And the streets are lined with solid gold.



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Cortec® Coated Products employee, Brenda Grasley, was awarded 7th place at the 21st Annual International Society of Poets (ISP) 2007 Convention and Symposium. Held July 19-22 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada; there were over 1,500 poets from 50 countries who competed. Each poet had 3 minutes to present their poem to a panel of ISP members and judges. They were judged based on style, originality, content, theme, overall quality, and presentation. The judges are PhD's and university professors from around the country who are experts in the poetry field.

The ISP was founded in 1986 to promote peace, humanity, charity, and poetry. It has awarded over one million dollars to amateur poets around the world and is the world's largest poetry organization.

Brenda received the USA Poet of the Year Award in June. After winning, she was invited to compete in Las Vegas, where she was awarded an Outstanding Achievement in Poetry Crystal trophy, a Bronze Medal of Honor, and Editors Choice Award, which included a certificate, ISP membership for 2008, and a \$300 check.

Brenda has been writing most of her life and has had 4 of her poems published in the Anthologies, which are put together by the ISP. She has submitted many poems over the years, but this is her first time winning. Currently, you may view 5 of Brenda's poems listed on the ISP website, www.poetry.com. Cortec® would like to congratulate Brenda on this prestigious accomplishment, we are proud to have her as part of the Cortec family.



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