

Adam's Apology

The following poems, all called Adam's Apology were written by the A.P. English IV students in Ms. Yvonne Dial's class at Purnell Swett High School

by David Hunt

Why did my sweet temptress take the fruit from the serpent
She knew what would happen, no need to repent
But why include me, the one she loved so much
Every day she came to me craving my loving touch
Now I see the truth, the serpent passed along his ways into my love

Cunning, deceptive, lying, all the characteristics I hate
My sweet Eve has taken, oh why was this my fate
I once held the honor of being God's pride
Once the lady tricked me, now I must hide
He will never look down at me the same way

The worker of fields, shepherd of all animals, Eden my paradise
Now our mistake will cost the world pain and suffering, too much to bear
Eve is forced to enjoy more pain than I could ever endure
Her price paid for the sin we can't be sure
Our Eden will never receive a human's touch

We look back in despair at what we have lost
This I fear is the beginning of the end
God's iron will can't bend
In the future the Earth will be no more
All because of the love I bore

by Jennifer McNeill

I must admit that it is I to blame
Put all the aggravation on me and cause shame
For I was a man and that's my only excuse
I was intrigued to follow your lead
I thought that I didn't
have anything to lose
I must admit for I was weak
The consequence I cast for mankind I never imagined
Would be so bleak

Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought
That my actions would be so destructive for all
It was because of our disobedience toward our father that
By the "Tree of Life" that we gathered
It was the beginning of the end
That caused the formation of sin
The serpent represented evil
I saw you eat the apple so I figured that it wasn't lethal

So Eve I give you my sincerest apologies
For the world should not only blame you for what we both did
Ever heard the phrase that it often takes two
One to start it while the other follows
Eve forgive me for I am filled with insecurities
For your forgiveness in the mud I would wallow
This is my last attempt to take this apology with heed.
Your love and tenderness is all I need

by Tyson Meadors

Dearest Eve,
It did not take much
A piece of fruit, and a trusting smile
That was all he needed to deceive. I'm sorry.

Dearest Eve,
What have we lost?
We have lost more than Eden.
I believe we have lost the only thing we ever did need. I'm sorry.

Dearest Eve,
We have lost trust.
Trust to had no more between us.
Our sons, our daughters are never to trust again. I'm sorry.

Dearest Eve,
Now it is we,
Who lie, cheat, and deceive.
We wear more put more than just clothes between us nor. I'm sorry.

Dearest Eve,
Have you thought about us?
Have you thought about what it might have meant,
If man and woman might still possess the jewel of Trust? I'm sorry.

Dearest Eve,
Now we live our lives
Together, tangled webs we do weave,
And together we now practice to deceive. I's sorry.

by Candace Lowry
For surely Eve is to blame
because now it's just not the same,
her sin was great,
Yet not in her eyes.
I fell under her seductive spell
And now all mankind must fail.

It all began with a simple smile
And for tis I would have run a mile.
Nut all she asked was for me to bite of this fruit
And now I have been place in this suit.
For it were never for that, I wouldn't have known I was bare
And clothes would never have become a care.

For you women it's all the same-
Upon man you try to place all the blame.
Now we're overseers
And in us you place all your fears.
So, you wonder where all your pains came
Which cause you many tears?
Well, babe it's your fault
And out of this you can't be brought.
So, this is life
Deal with it now
For it's to us you must bow!

by Ron A. Hunt
Surely the blame in me doth lay,
My trust in thee betrayed mankind.
More discerning I must be to what you say,
In hindsight no truth in your words I fine.
You who removed me from my strait way,
Broke my heart by strengthening my mind.

For you greater truth was found in a snake,
To the words of God you paid little heed,
So you condemned many to the burning lake.
Why would you have committed such a deed,
Abandoning the true God to follow a fake?
Woman from man you were taken,
Now from him you will receive your regulation!

"Art Talk" PSHS Art Club

Art students won many awards at the Annual Robeson County Fair. In the Open Show, Katrina McRae won "Best in Show" with a drawing she created in pointillism. Ricky Jones won first place.

In the Robeson county School System Art Show, Sheena Oxendine placed second with her mixed media drawing and Kirt Blue placed third with his art collage. During homecoming week, the club face painted on "School Spirit Day" and everyone had a great time.

On October 18, the Art Club traveled to Raleigh, N.C. Museum of Art and to view the art work at the N.C. State Fair in which Katrina McRae's "Best in Show" was on exhibition.

"Home for the Holidays" will be the theme once again as the Purnell Swett High School Arts Department presents their annual dinner theater on Saturday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the school's commons. A traditional holiday meal will be served and entertainment will be provided by the chorus, strings, and dance classes. The evenings main course will be highlighted by a performance of an original adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" presented by the Purnell Swett Drama Club. Tickets are \$18.00/single and \$30.00/couple and are on sale now. Contact the School for more details at 521-3253 or see any art department instructor.

Statewide Art Exhibition Call for Entries

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (Nov. 12, 2001)- The women's Center in Chapel Hill invites women artists across North Carolina to submit works for the eighteenth annual "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands," the largest juried exhibition for women artists in the state. The entry fee is \$10.00 for one piece of \$15.00 for two. Artists should submit slides of their work for review postmarked by Dec. 31, 2001. Whole the exhibition is designed to celebrate the vision and voice of women artists, the theme of the art does not need to be based on women's issues. Mark Gottesman, owner of SOLO Art Gallery of Winston Salem, and Sarah Schroth, full curator of the Duke University Museum of Art, are this year's jurors. "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands" runs February 8-15, 2002. For a prospectus or more information, call 919-968-4610 or visit www.womenspace.org. The Women's Center, a Triangle United Way member agency, is a nonprofit community center offering information and referral, career, legal, financial and support services to women and their families in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties and beyond.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. There is both an Individual All Star Camp and Team All Star Camp. For the Individual All Star Camp, Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Individual Camp Locations Include: North Carolina, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington. For the Team All Star Camp both School and A.A.U. Teams can apply. Boys ages 14-19 are eligible. Team All Star Camp Locations Include: North Carolina, California, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Players from 48 States and 7 foreign countries attended the 2001 camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. For a free Brochure, call (704) 568-6801 ANY-TIME.

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A Call For Poems

Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB 125, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is December 8, 2001.

Volunteer for Robeson County Partnership for Children

The Robeson County Partnership for Children is seeking volunteers with backgrounds in early childhood education to assist with child assessments for WINGS, a kindergarten readiness curriculum. After training, volunteers would assess selected children currently enrolled in are day care facilities. For more information, contact the Partnership at 738-6767.

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Proud of her Lumbee Indian heritage, Connie Brooks-Fernandez, M.D., wanted to learn more about other Indian tribes. After completing her residency in Florida, Dr. Brooks-Fernandez moved to Mescalera, N.M. She worked on the Apache Indian reservation there for two years before moving home to Fayetteville.

"Growing up in a bi-racial family (my mom is Caucasian and my father is Lumbee), I understood more than most the concerns of health care in rural areas. When I was 5 years old, my 39-year-old father died suddenly from a heart attack. I knew soon after that I wanted to be a doctor, to help families going through similar circumstances.

"I enjoy being a family care physician, because I get to treat a variety of health issues. Rural medicine is especially interesting because of the complexity of patients."

Downtime catches the sports enthusiast playing a little one-on-one basketball with her husband or enjoying family activities such as camping and biking.



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