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## BLOG: POETRY OUT LOUD

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Poetry Out Loud at the State House was my first, but certainly not my last volunteer assignment for this event. I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with parents, guests, and the very talented Champion Finalists.



Sandra C and I started at the front door in the Hall of Flags by getting everyone to the second floor where the competition and judging was taking place. There were two choices: the elevator or 34 steps up. Next assignment I was in the Representatives Hall, choice duty, this is where you can see and hear finalists recite their poems. Next Sandra C and I were assigned outside the Representatives Hall making sure QUIET was observed outside the hall and no one entered during a finalist reciting their poem.

For my last assignment (as Kelly rotated GSA's every hour to a different location,) Sandra C and I were with the ever so excited, enthusiastic, seeming so adult-like, encouraging each other, finalists. Each one of them were so supportive of each other, and when the word came down who won they all congratulated the winner, Charlotte Perkins, a senior from Kearsage Regional High School with hugs and cheers. Second runner up was a delightful Concord High School student, Laila Ruffin. Their enthusiasm makes one feel gosh these schools are doing a fantastic job preparing our future generation to take the lead and not only make New Hampshire great but this great country of ours.



Thanks to everyone who made this event possible starting with Virginia Drew, GSA, Director, State House Visitor Center; Master of Ceremony, Virginia Prescott, Host of NH Public Radio's Word of Mouth; NPHR; Art Works, National Endowment for the Arts; NH State Council on the Arts and many others to numerous to mention individually but especially our future NH poets. Good luck Charlotte on competing in Washington DC. I'm sure Robert Frost is smiling down on you and has his fingers crossed that you walk away with the title Poetry Out Loud from NH.

Sally C  
Proud to be GSA, 2013

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