Main Street Voices

2016 POETRY CONTEST – GUIDELINES

Please read entry rules carefully.

ELIGIBILITY

Adult Category (18 and over) Entrant must be a Bucks County resident.

Student Category (Grades 1-12) Entrant must be enrolled in any Bucks County private, parochial, or public school or is home schooled in Bucks County.

Winners and runners-up from both categories are eligible to enter again this year. Please submit poems we have not seen.

ENTRY RULES

Adult: Three (3) poems; no more, no less, in any style and form. Two pages length maximum per poem.

Students Grades 1 – 12: One (1) poem; no more, no less, in any style and form. Two pages length maximum per poem.

1. All work must be original, published or unpublished, typewritten or word-processed, in Times New Roman or Arial, one side only, in black ink only. No handwritten entries will be accepted.

2. No tear sheets or photocopies from publications.

3. No more than one poem per page.

4. Do not place name or address on poetry pages; such entries will be disqualified.

5. Attach the Entry Form with paper clip to packet of poem(s). Please, NO STAPLES.

6. List titles of poem(s), your name, address, phone number and email address on the Entry Form.

7. Entries that do not follow these guidelines will not be considered.

8. Do not send your only copy. Manuscripts will not be returned.

9. All entries will be judged anonymously.

POSTMARK OR DELIVERY DEADLINE

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Poems must be mailed or delivered to:

Poetry Contest
Attn: Glenda Childs
The Doylestown Bookshop
16 S. Main Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

Poems must be postmarked no later than April 14, 2016 or received by the bookshop on the same date, in a sealed envelope addressed to “Poetry Contest, Attn: Glenda Childs.”
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AWARDS

Adults:
$150 Honorarium for first place
$100 for second place
$50 for third place

Students Grades 1-3:
$30 Honorarium for first place
$20 for second place

Students Grades 4-6:
$30 Honorarium for first place
$20 for second place

Students Grades 7-9:
$30 Honorarium for first place
$20 for second place

Students Grades 10-12:
$30 Honorarium for first place
$20 for second place

The Doylestown Bookshop
16 S. Main Street
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215-230-7610

Reception and reading for both Adults and Students will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm at the VIA Auditorium, Health & Wellness Center, 847 Easton Road, Warrington PA.

All first, second and third place winners and the runners up in the adult category, and all first and second place winners in the four student categories are expected to read at this reception on May 15.

NOTIFICATION

Winners will be notified by phone by Glenda Childs of The Doylestown Bookshop by the beginning of May. All contestants will be notified by letter shortly thereafter.

JUDGES

Grades 1-6  Melanie Eyth is a poet and artist living in Bucks County. She coordinates the monthly Poetry Night at The Doylestown Bookshop. She was inspired to ask the bookshop about hosting a poetry contest for the sole purpose of supporting and encouraging local poets. Everybody has a story to tell. Everybody has a voice to be heard. Poets, lift your voices! We want to hear you.

Grades 7-12  Marie Kane’s poetry is widely published. In 2012, Big Table Publishing released her chapbook, Survivors in the Garden, which largely centers on her life with Multiple Sclerosis. She taught English and Creative Writing at Central Bucks (PA) High Schools East and West for twenty-eight years. Her involvement in scholastic writing continues; she is the final judge for both regional and national poetry contests focusing on students. Kane is the 2006 Bucks County Poet Laureate and the poetry editor for Pentimento magazine. She lives in Yardley, PA with her husband, Stephen, and their rescue cat, Casey Jones.

Preliminary Adult  Brian Lutz has been a Literary Studies faculty member at the Delaware Valley University since 2006. In 2003, Brian was named Poet Laureate of Bucks County – at the time, the youngest person ever given this honor. His poetry has been published in numerous nationwide journals including Slate, The Louisville Review, Potomac Review, Poetry East, Crab Orchard Review and Cimarron Review. Currently, Brian is working on his Ph.D. in Contemporary Poetics and Criticism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Final Adult  Julie Cooper-Fratrik is the recipient of an Achievement Grant in Poetry from the Leeway Foundation in Philadelphia, and an Academic Fellowship from the Psychoanalytic Center in Philadelphia. She has an MFA in Poetry from Goddard/Vermont College. Two chapters of her book, Beyond the Objects of Desire: The Space of the Poet in the Space of the World have been published in Under the Sun and Tupelo Quarterly, respectively. A poetry collection, The Slow Separations, was released in March 2016. Cooper-Fratrik’s work as been published in RHINO, Hayden’s Ferry Review, American Poetry Review, and many others. She is the 1982 Bucks County (PA) Poet Laureate, and lives in the far suburbs of Philadelphia where trees and squirrels out-populate humans.
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2016 POETRY CONTEST – ENTRY FORM

Please print legibly

Poet’s Name _______________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________

City ____________________________  State _______  Zip __________

Phone __________________  Email ____________________________

Please circle one:   ADULT    or    STUDENT

*If student, please complete this section

School Name _______________________________________________

Age ________  Grade Level __________________________________

Homeschooled students are encouraged to enter.

LIST POEM TITLES (students only one title)

1  _________________________________________________________

2  _________________________________________________________

3  _________________________________________________________

For further information and additional entry forms please see
www.doylestownbookshop.com

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