



# Main Street Voices

## 2018 POETRY CONTEST – GUIDELINES

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*Main Street Voices  
Poetry Contest  
encourages and inspires  
poets of all ages in the  
Bucks County community  
to share the importance  
of poetry and the written  
word.*

*Please read entry rules carefully.*

### ELIGIBILITY

**Adult Category** (18 and over) Entrant must be a Bucks County resident. **Previous 1<sup>st</sup> place winners should not enter the contest again. Other winners and runners-up may reenter. Please submit poems we have not seen.**

**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. **Previous winners ARE eligible to enter again. 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, 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 All work must be original, published or unpublished, typewritten or word-processed, in Times New Roman or Arial, one side only, in black ink only.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

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

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 16, 2018 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:

\$200 Honorarium for first place

\$150 for second place

\$75 for third place

## The Doylestown Bookshop

16 S. Main Street

Doylestown, PA

18901

215-230-7610

### Students Grades 1-3:

\$30 Honorarium for first place

\$20 for second place

\$15 for third place

### Students Grades 7-9:

\$30 Honorarium for first place

\$20 for second place

\$15 for third place

### Students Grades 4-6:

\$30 Honorarium for first place

\$20 for second place

\$15 for third place

### Students Grades 10-12:

\$30 Honorarium for first place

\$20 for second place

\$15 for third place

Reception and reading for both Adults and Students will be held on Saturday, **May 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the James Lorah House, 132 North Main Street, Doylestown.**

**All first, second, and third place winners and the runners-up in the adult category, and all first, second and third place winners in the four student categories are expected to read at this reception on May 19.**

## NOTIFICATION

**Winners will be notified by phone by Glenda Childs of The Doylestown Bookshop by May 11.** Please check the contest website on May 12 for winners' names. If you have any questions, please contact The Doylestown Bookshop or the Newtown Bookshop.

## 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, book reviews, and essays are widely published and have won many awards. In 2012, Big Table Publishing released her chapbook, *Survivors in the Garden*, which largely concerns her life with secondary progressive Multiple Sclerosis. Her full length book, *Beauty, You Drive a Hard Bargain* was published in 2017 by Kelsay Press. She taught English and Creative Writing in Central Bucks (PA) School District 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 Pennsylvania Bucks County Poet Laureate. She lives in Yardley, PA with her husband, artist Stephen Millner, and their two rescue cats.

Preliminary Judge **Joseph Chelius** works as an editorial director for a healthcare communications company in the Philadelphia suburbs. A former Bucks County poet laureate (2000) and recent winner of the inaugural short story competition at Bucks County Community College (2017), Joe has had work published in journals such as *American Journal of Poetry*, *Commonweal*, *Poet Lore*, *Poetry East*, *Rattle*, and *Schuylkill Valley Journal*. His full-length collection, *The Art of Acquiescence*, was published by WordTech Editions in 2014.

Final Adult **Bernadette McBride**, author of three poetry collections—most recently, *Whatever Measure of Light*, (Kelsay Books, 2016) is poetry editor for the *Schuylkill Valley Journal*. She taught creative writing and literature at Temple University for many years, is a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, and has been a Bucks County Poet Laureate (2009) and an international poetry winner, second place, for the Ray Bradbury Writing Award. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including *Cider Press Review*, *Philadelphia Stories*, *The Ekphrastic Review*, and *Ragged Sky Press* as well as others in the UK, Canada, and on PRI's *The Writer's Almanac*. She welcomes your visit at [bernadette McBride blog.wordpress.com](http://bernadette McBride blog.wordpress.com).



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## 2018 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:

Name of School & District \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.doylestownbookshop.com)

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