



# Main Street Voices

## 2019 POETRY CONTEST – GUIDELINES

*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 All work must be original, published or unpublished, typewritten or word-processed, in Times New Roman or Arial, size 12, one side only, in black ink only. No handwritten or fancy font entries will be accepted. Do not place pictures, drawings, photographs, etc. on the poems.**
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, ONLINE, OR DELIVERY DEADLINE: APRIL 16, 2019

Poems may be submitted on the Doylestown Bookshop website at [www.doylestownbookshop.com](http://www.doylestownbookshop.com). To do so name your file as: 'Your last name, the word 'student' or 'adult', Main Street Voices, 2019' and upload to the bookshop. Or mail, or deliver to:

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

Poems and entry form must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2019, or received ONLINE by 5:00 PM on April 16, 2019, or received by 5:00 PM at 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  
\$100 for third place

### 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 Sunday, **May 19, 2019 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 the beginning of May. The Doylestown Bookshop will post the names of student winners, adult winners, and runners-up on the Main Street Voices page by May 6th.**

## 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** is a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, the 2006 Bucks County Poet Laureate, a finalist in the national Naugatuck River Review contest, and a second place winner in the national New Hampshire Poetry Society contest. Her poetry has been widely published and anthologized. She has published a full-length book, *Beauty, You Drive a Hard Bargain* (Kelsay Books, 2017), and two chapbooks, *Persephone's Truth* (2018), with art by her husband, Stephen Millner, and *Survivors in the Garden* (Big Table Publishing, 2012), which largely concerns living with Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. As a high school English teacher for twenty-eight years, Kane received a recognition award for teaching creative writing from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, and a Gold Award for teaching young writers from The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Preliminary Adult **Cheryl Baldi** is a graduate of the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers, a former Bucks County Poet Laureate and finalist for the Robert Frasier Award for Poetry. She has taught at Bucks County Community College, worked as a freelance editor, and served as co-facilitator for community-based workshops exploring women's lives through literature. A finalist for the 2006 Francis Locke Memorial Award, her work also was nominated by *Salamander* for the 2008 Best New Poets Anthology. Her collection of poems, *The Shapelessness of Water*, evokes a coastal landscape that echoes the loss and love of four generations of family.

Final Adult **Terry Culleton** is a 2019 Pushcart Prize nominee, Bucks County Poet Laureate, and semi-finalist in The Nation/Discovery contest, Terry Culleton has published two collections of formally crafted narrative and lyric poems, *A Communion of Saints and Eternal Life*, both through Anaphora Literary Press. He reads throughout the Philadelphia and New York regions, and his poetry has been featured on NPR. His poems have been set to music by New England composer Don Jamison, as well as by jazz composer and musician Darryl Harper for his band Onus. Poems from his forthcoming collection of sonnets *A Tree and Gone*, have recently appeared in *Antiphon*, *The Road Not Taken* (including Feature Poem), *Blue Unicorn Review*, *Raintown Review*, and several other journals.



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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, additional entry forms or to submit your entry online,  
please visit [www.doylestownbookshop.com](http://www.doylestownbookshop.com).

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