

**CALL FOR POEMS**  
**2019 Poetry Corners Competition**

In honor of National Poetry Month, this year we (a group of local poet volunteers) are again presenting POETRY CORNERS. (Arts & Humanities Bainbridge will still receive all the entry fees, but will then pass them on to the poet volunteers to cover expenses.) This annual POETRY CORNERS celebration includes the poetry competition, public exhibition of the jury-selected poems on Bainbridge Island, publishing of a chapbook featuring all the jury-selected poems, and a live poetry reading of those poems by their writers.

Since 1999, this POETRY CORNERS annual competition has showcased original poems by local poets. Selections from the poetry competition are exhibited in the windows of businesses and community spaces around Bainbridge Island to be enjoyed by patrons and passers-by throughout April. These insightful compositions enhance our shared spaces by inviting us to pause, read, absorb, reflect, and come away inspired.

Poets whose works are selected and exhibited will also share their poems aloud at POETRY CORNERS LIVE, a celebratory afternoon of live readings. This event will be hosted at the Bainbridge Public Library on Sunday, April 28th, from 2-5 pm.

Poets of all ages, disciplines, and experience levels are encouraged to submit their work.

**DEADLINE**

- Entries must be received by midnight on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to Bainbridge Island residents or anyone with a Bainbridge connection.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- Poets are free to submit work on any subject and **need not adhere to a theme**.
- Each poet may submit up to three poems for consideration.
- Students K-12, please indicate your grade level when you submit.
- Please indicate if a submitted poem has been previously published. We will note publication history if your poem is jury-selected, printed and displayed.
- **Poems must be no more than 25 lines**, including title and line spaces, to fit the physical constraints of the display posters. Poets' names need not be included in the line count.
- Email submissions to **Adelia Ritchie** at [adeliar@gmail.com](mailto:adeliar@gmail.com) with the subject line "**Poetry Corners Submission.**"
- Poems must be submitted via email as an attached Word document. This requirement helps us avoid issues with creative formatting. If this form of submission challenges you, please don't hesitate to contact **Adelia Ritchie** at [adeliar@gmail.com](mailto:adeliar@gmail.com) or (425)637-4643.
- While Poetry Corners welcomes all types of poems, including those dealing with sophisticated or challenging subject matter--**please keep in mind that selected poems will be publicly displayed and read by people of all ages.**

- Please check your poems for accuracy. Typos and other errors may be misunderstood to be creatively intentional.
- Include in the body of your email:
  - Your name, address, and phone number
  - Your email address
  - Grade level and school if you are a student.
  - If you're not a Bainbridge Island resident, please describe your connection to Bainbridge Island.
  - Entry fee: \$5 for students, \$15 for adults-- payable by check mailed to Arts & Humanities Bainbridge, 221 Winslow Way W., Suite 201, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.
- You will be sent a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your submission.

## JUDGING

- A panel of 3 jurors will select poems to be included in the Poetry Corners displays.
- Submitted poems will be read and judged blindly (with no names or personal info).
- Adult and Student (K-12) works will be judged separately.
- Only one poem per poet will be selected.
- Not all entrants' work will be selected.

## ENTRY FEE

- Entry fee: \$5 Student, \$15 Adult. **This fee is per poet**--i.e. the fee remains the same regardless of the number of poems submitted (1-3).
- **Please mail your entry fee (check) to:**

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- Checks should be made out to "Arts & Humanities Bainbridge."
- Please write "Poetry Corners Submission" in the memo of your check.
- Entry fee checks must be received **no later than midnight on March 3rd, 2019.**

## QUESTIONS?

Re: entry fees: Email [admin@ahbainbridge.org](mailto:admin@ahbainbridge.org) or call 206.842.7901.

**OTHER QUESTIONS? Email or phone Adelia Ritchie at [adeliar@gmail.com](mailto:adeliar@gmail.com) or (425)637-4643.**

**We look forward to celebrating Poetry Month with you!**

