

Call for entries

2011 Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Contestant must be a resident of Whatcom County, Washington.
- Contestant may submit no more than **one poem**, which must be previously unpublished.
- **Poems are limited to 27 lines with no more than 55 characters** (letters, spaces, punctuation) **per line**. Title, blank line below title and blank lines between stanzas **are** included in the line count.
- **No artwork please**. Let the poem's words stand on their own merit: no artwork (including clip art), no special fonts and no unusual paper or colors, please.
- Poems may be on any topic, in any form. Judges change each year and are published poets.
- Submit three (3) copies of your poem. Place your name, postal address, phone number and e-mail address in the upper right-hand corner of **one copy only**. Students in K-12 should provide their own name, plus their parent's name, postal address, phone number and e-mail and also note the name of their school, grade level and teacher's name. **The second and third copy of your poem** (for judging & display) **must have no identifying information other than the poem's title**.
- **Please keep a copy of your poem; poems cannot be returned.**
- **Mail** entries to Poetry Contest, PO Box 1042, Bellingham, WA 98227, **OR deliver** to Mindport Exhibits, 210 W. Holly Street, Bellingham. We regret we are unable to accept e-mail submissions.
- Entries will be accepted beginning Tuesday, March 1, 2011 and **must be delivered or dropped off by the deadline, 5 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011**. Late submissions are disqualified.
- **Winning poets will be notified by phone** by Wednesday, April 20, 2011. All participating poets who have included e-mail addresses will receive notification when the judging is complete.
- Winning poets will be invited to read their poem at a free **public awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 11, 2011**, at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Avenue in Fairhaven.
- The ten Walk Award poems will be displayed for one year on the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Walk outside the Bellingham Public Library. All poems winning Walk Awards and Merit Awards will be displayed for one year inside Whatcom Transportation Authority buses (two copies per poem).
- **By submitting a poem to the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest, the poet (or parent/guardian if poet is under age 18) agrees and grants permission for the poem, the poet's name as author and/or the poet's photograph to be displayed and/or reproduced for publication or fundraising purposes related to the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest.**
- To receive important notices from the Contest, please add BoyntonPoetryContest@hotmail.com to your e-mail contacts.
- These guidelines are also available online at <http://boyntonpoetrycontest.wordpress.com> (**please read the FAQs!**).

Questions? E-mail BoyntonPoetryContest@hotmail.com or call 360-966-7105.