

Call to all Whatcom County poets of any age or experience

2010 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- Contestant may submit no more than **one poem**, which must be previously unpublished.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 and spaces) per line. Title, blank line below the title and blank lines between stanzas **are** included in the total line count.
- Poems may be on any topic, in any form. Judges change each year and are regionally recognized poets.
- **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. **Please keep a copy; poems cannot be returned.**
- Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, March 1, 2010 and **must be postmarked or dropped off by the deadline, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010.**
- Submit two (2) copies of your poem. Place your name, phone number, e-mail address and postal address in the upper right-hand corner of **one copy only**. Students in K-12 should also note the name of their school, grade level and teacher's name. **The second copy of your poem** (used for judging) **must have no identifying information other than the poem's title.**
- **Winning poets will be notified by phone** before Friday, April 23, 2010. All poets who have submitted poems will receive an e-mail invitation to attend the awards ceremony.
- Winning poets will be invited to read their poem at a **public awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 12, 2010** (place/time details to follow).
- The ten Walk Award poems will be engraved and posted for one year on the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Walk at the Bellingham Public Library. All poems winning Walk Awards and Merit Awards will be printed and posted inside Whatcom Transportation Authority buses.
- **By submitting a poem to the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest, the poet (or parent/guardian if poet is under age 18) agrees that the poem, the poet's name as author and/or the poet's photograph may be displayed and/or reproduced for publication related to the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest.**
- These guidelines are also available online at www.WhatcomPoetrySeries.org and on the Facebook fan page Sue Boynton Poetry Contest (become a fan!).

Questions? E-mail **BoyntonPoetryContest@hotmail.com** or call 360-758-2019.

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