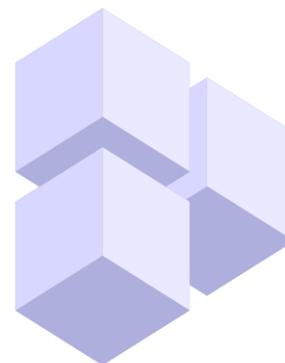# 2019 Poetry Challenge

Who may participate: Amateurs, professionals and students of all ages are invited to submit original poetry in response to the 2019 Poetry Challenge. Highland Park Poetry challenges poets to write a response to one of the following prompts:

- **Chemistry** (in honor of the 150th anniversary of Dmitry Mendeleev's Periodic Table of Chemical Elements)
- **Oz** (in honor of 100th anniversary author L. Frank Baum's death and 50th anniversary of movie, *The Wizard of Oz*)
- **A Tri-Cube Poem** (see attached description of this poetic form created by Phillip Larrea)

What are the guidelines?

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to the challenge themes or form.
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 30 lines or fewer.

What is the timeline for this project?
Deadline for submissions:
Monday, January 28, 2019

*Selected authors will be notified on or before March 1, 2019

There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of $4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.

How will works be collected?

- **Via Electronic Submission:** Send pieces(s) as text in the body of an e-mail or as a .doc or .pdf attachment to: Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org. Please put "2019 Poetry Challenge" in the subject line of your e-mail.

- **Submissions by U.S. Mail:** Send poem(s), completed/signed Entry/Release form and any reading fees (if applicable) to: Highland Park Poetry c/o Jennifer Dotson, 376 Park Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

How will poems be selected?

Poetry submissions will be selected by a guest judge. Selected adult poets will be invited to read their poems at a venue and date still to be determined. Selected student poets will be invited to read their poems at the Highland Park Public Library Auditorium (494 Laurel Avenue) on a Wednesday in April to be determined at 7:00 p.m. Selected poetry will also be featured on the Muses' Gallery on the Highland Park Poetry website throughout April 2019.
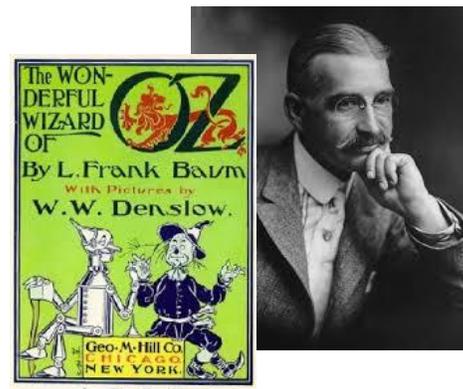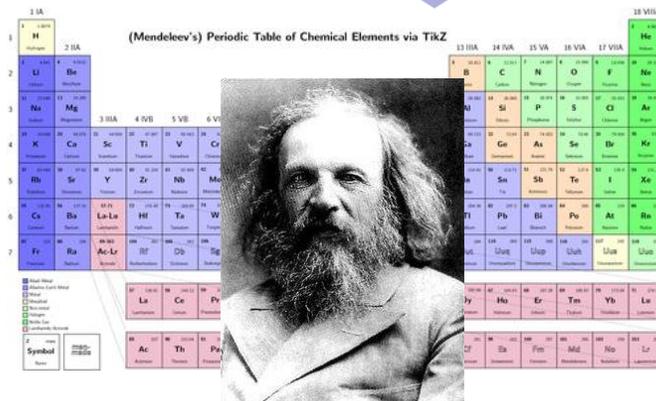
What are the categories?

Depending on submissions received, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place poems will be awarded in the following categories:

- Student, K – 5
- Student, 6 – 8
- Student, 9 – 12
- Student, College/University
- Adult Highland Park Resident
- Adult non-resident

Request for Art Work.

Photographers and visual artists are encouraged to submit works related to the 2019 Challenge to be included in our display on www.highlandparkpoetry.org. Artist/photographer will be credited.

2019 Poetry Challenge Entry Form *Deadline:* January 28, 2019

Poet's Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Category: Student, K-5_____   Student, 6-8_____   Student, 9-12_____

                 Adult, Non-HP Resident _____   Adult, HP Resident _____

There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of $4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.

How many poems are you submitting? _____ Fee enclosed? _____

Poem Title(s) _____

Has work been previously published? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes,
please indicate where & when _____

Submissions:
- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to **Chemistry** (honoring 150th anniversary of Dmitry Mendeleev's invention of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements), or **Oz** (honoring 100th anniversary of author L. Frank Baum's death and 50th anniversary of film *The Wizard of Oz*), or should be written in the form of a **Tricube**.
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 30 lines or fewer.

Release Form: Submissions must include a copy of the following completed form indicating your acknowledgement that (1) your submission is original and is not a copy or derivative of any other work and (2) Highland Park Poetry has your irrevocable permission, without restriction, to use your work in original form or reproduction for exhibition, advertising, educational and promotional materials for this event as well as other events as Highland Park Poetry may determine in its sole and absolute discretion. Reasonable care will be taken in handling submissions but Highland Park Poetry is responsible for accidental damage or loss.

PLEASE PRINT

Poet's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School / Grade / Teacher Name (if applicable) _____

For Parents of Minors: I have signed the above Release on behalf of myself and my minor child

Parent's Name (printed)_____
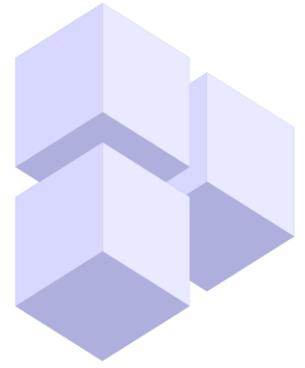
Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

Tricube: Poetic Form

By: **Robert Lee Brewer** | January 28, 2016

This mathematical poem was introduced by Phillip Larrea.

Here are the rules of tricubes:

- Each line contains three syllables.
- Each stanza contains three lines.
- Each poem contains three stanzas.

So we're talking cubes in mathematical terms (to the third power). No rules for rhymes, meter, etc. Just three, three, and three.

Here is a sample poem:

Resist

I avoid
dead end streets
like the plague

because I
don't enjoy
backtracking

but the plague
is a street
with no end

By Robert Lee Brewer