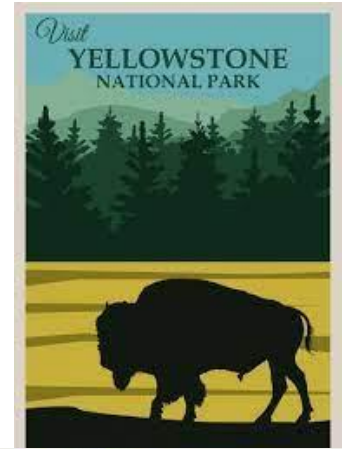




2022 Poetry Challenge



HIGHLAND PARK POETRY
A celebration of words

Who may participate: Amateurs, semi-professionals, professionals and students of all ages are invited to submit original poetry in response to the 2022 Poetry Challenge. This year Highland Park Poetry challenges poets to write a response to one of the following prompts:

- **Underwater Life**
- **U. S. National Parks** (honoring Yellowstone National Park 150th anniversary)
- **Waltmarie** (see attached description of this poetic form invented by Candace Kubinec)

What are the guidelines?

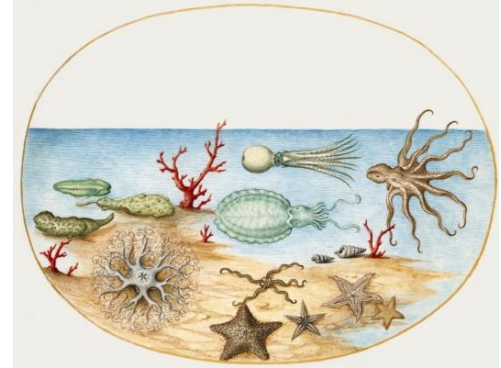
- Should express the writer’s experiences, thoughts or feelings related to the challenge themes or form.
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 30 lines or fewer.

What is the timeline for this project?

****Deadline for submissions:***

Monday, January 31, 2022

*Selected authors will be notified on or before February 28, 2022



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 “2022 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, 1690 Midland 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 a venue and date still to be determined. It is possible these programs will be held virtually. Selected poetry will also be featured on the Muses’ Gallery on the Highland Park Poetry website throughout April & May 2022.

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
- Adult, International

Request for Art Work.

Photographers and visual artists are encouraged to submit works related to the 2022 Challenge to be included in our display on www.highlandparkpoetry.org. Artist/photographer will be credited.

2022 Poetry Challenge Entry Form *Deadline: January 31, 2022

Poet's Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Category: Student, K-5____ Student, 6-8____ Student, 9-12____ Student, College/University____
Adult, Non-HP Resident _____ Adult, HP Resident _____ Adult, International _____

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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 Underwater Life, or U.S. National Parks (honoring establishment of Yellowstone National Park 150 years ago), or should be written in the form of a Waltmarie.
- 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: _____

MAIL TO:

Highland Park Poetry
c/o Jennifer Dotson
1690 Midland Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035



EMAIL TO:

Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org

The Waltmarie

ROBERT LEE BREWER - FEB 12, 2021

I'm introducing Candace Kubinec's form, the Waltmarie (which is itself a nod to PA members and Poetic Bloomings hosts, Marie Elena Good and Walter J. Wojtanik).

Here are the guidelines for writing the Waltmarie:

- 10 lines
- Even lines are two syllables in length, odd lines are longer (*but no specific syllable count*)
- Even lines make their own mini-poem if read separately

No other rules for subject or rhymes.

Here are two examples of the Waltmarie by Candace Kubinec:

Building a Snowman, by Candace Kubinec

They waited for the world to turn white -
frozen
Rolled balls of snow, bigger and bigger -
child-size
Broken twigs from the apple tree for arms, two hands -
mittens
He stood, smiling his pebble smile, until the warm sun appeared -
dripping
Then slowly disappeared, until only a memory remained -
stories

On the Bench at Night, by Candace Kubinec

I sit as still as a human can -
patient
The sun has set and dusk has settled -
quiet
I try to match my breath to the gentle breeze -
calmly
Small creatures emerge from daylight hiding places -
searching
And my heart sends out a quiet message -
for you