



Main Street Voices

2017 POETRY CONTEST – GUIDELINES

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inspires poets of all
ages in the Bucks
County community to
share the importance
of poetry and the
written word.*

Please read entry rules carefully.

ELIGIBILITY

Adult Category (18 and over) Entrant must be a Bucks County resident.

Student Category (Grades 1-12) Entrant must be enrolled in any Bucks County private, parochial, or public school or is home schooled in Bucks County.

Previous winners and runners-up from both categories are eligible to enter again. Please submit poems we have not seen.

ENTRY RULES

Adult: Three (3) poems; no more, no less, in any style and form. Two pages length maximum per poem.

Students Grades 1 – 12: One (1) poem; no more, in any style and form. Two pages length maximum per poem.

1. All work must be original, published or unpublished, typewritten or word-processed, in Times New Roman or Arial, one side only, in black ink only. **No handwritten entries will be accepted.**
2. No tear sheets or photocopies from publications.
3. No more than one poem per page.
4. **Do not place name or address on poetry pages;** such entries will be disqualified.
5. Attach the Entry Form with paper clip to packet of poem(s). Please, **NO STAPLES.**
6. List titles of poem(s), your name, address, phone number and email address on the Entry Form.
7. **Entries that do not follow these guidelines will not be considered.**
8. **Do not send your only copy. Manuscripts will not be returned.**
9. All entries will be judged anonymously.

POSTMARK OR DELIVERY DEADLINE

Monday, April 17, 2017

Poems must be mailed or delivered to:

Poetry Contest
Attn: Glenda Childs
The Doylestown Bookshop
16 S. Main Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

Poems must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2017 or received by the bookshop on the same date, in a sealed envelope addressed to "Poetry Contest, Attn: Glenda Childs."

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AWARDS

Adults:

\$150 Honorarium for first place
\$100 for second place
\$50 for third place

**The
Doylestown
Bookshop**
16 S. Main Street
Doylestown, PA
18901
215-230-7610

Students Grades 1-3:

\$30 Honorarium for first place
\$20 for second place
\$15 for third place

Students Grades 7-9:

\$30 Honorarium for first place
\$20 for second place
\$15 for third place

Students Grades 4-6:

\$30 Honorarium for first place
\$20 for second place
\$15 for third place

Students Grades 10-12:

\$30 Honorarium for first place
\$20 for second place
\$15 for third place

Reception and reading for both Adults and Students will be held on Saturday, **May 20, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the James Lorah House, 132 North Main Street, Doylestown.**

All first, second, and third place winners and the runners up in the adult category, and all first, second and third place winners in the four student categories are expected to read at this reception on May 20.

NOTIFICATION

Winners will be notified by phone by Glenda Childs of The Doylestown Bookshop by the beginning of May. All contestants will be notified by letter shortly thereafter.

JUDGES

Grades 1-6 **Melanie Eyth** is a poet and artist living in Bucks County. She coordinates the monthly Poetry Night at The Doylestown Bookshop. She was inspired to ask the bookshop about hosting a poetry contest for the sole purpose of supporting and encouraging local poets. Everybody has a story to tell. Everybody has a voice to be heard. Poets, lift your voices! We want to hear you.

Grades 7-12 **Marie Kane's** poetry, book reviews, and essays are widely published. In 2012, Table Publishing released her chapbook, *Survivors in the Garden*, which largely concerns her life with Multiple Sclerosis. Her next book, *Beauty, You Drive a Hard Bargain*, is due out in the fall of 2017. She taught English and Creative Writing at Central Bucks (PA) School District for twenty-eight years. Her involvement in scholastic writing continues; she is the final judge for both regional and national poetry contests focusing on students. Kane is the 2006 Bucks County (PA) Poet Laureate and the poetry editor for *Pentimento* magazine. She lives in Yardley, PA with her husband, artist Stephen Millner, and their two rescue cats.

Preliminary Adult **Lorraine Henrie Lins** is the author of a full-length book of poetry entitled, *All the Stars Blown to One Side of The Sky* (VAC Poetry) and two chapbooks: *I Called It Swimming* and *Delaying Balance*. In 2010, Lins was named the Bucks County Pennsylvania Poet Laureate, and prior, won The Penland Prize for Poetry. Currently, she is serving as Director of New and Emerging Poets with Tekpoet. Lins' poems have appeared in numerous publications, as well as several online journals and collections. Born and raised in the suburbs of Central New Jersey, the self-professed Jersey Girl now resides outside of Philadelphia with her family and several dogs.

Final Adult **Ethel Rackin** is the author of *The Forever Notes* (2013) and *Go On* (2016), a National Jewish Book Award finalist, both from Parlor Press. Her collaborative lyric sequence, "Soledad," written with Elizabeth Savage, won the 2016 Thomas Merton Prize for Poetry of the Sacred. Rackin's work has appeared widely in journals such as *The American Poetry Review*, *Colorado Review*, *Kenyon Review*, and *Verse Daily*. She earned her MFA from Bard College and her PhD in English Literature from Princeton University. She is currently an associate professor at Bucks County Community College and the Co-Director, with Christopher Bursk, of the Bucks County Poet Laureate Program.



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2017 POETRY CONTEST – ENTRY FORM

Please print legibly

Poet's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please circle one: **ADULT** or **STUDENT**

***If student**, please complete this section:

Name of School & District _____

Age _____ Grade Level _____

Homeschooled students are encouraged to enter.

LIST POEM TITLES (students only one title)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

For further information and additional entry forms please see
www.doylestownbookshop.com

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