

9th Annual VGNP Poetry Contest Rules Announced for Submission of Poems!

Poets interested in participating in the Plaza's Ninth Annual Poetry Contest, may start to submit their entries. Please take note that the deadline date for submissions is Friday, January 25, 2019.

Contest Rules are the following:

1. Poets 18 years of age and older who reside in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn are invited to submit up to three (3) unpublished poems, along with an entry fee, non-refundable, of \$15. The entry fee should be made payable by check or money order to "Long Island Traditions."
2. Poems may be on any subject, in any style, must have a title, and must not exceed more than 30 lines per poem.
3. We also ask that poets type their poems in single-space format.
4. Poets must include two copies of each poem, one anonymous and one with the poet's name and address below the poem. A cover sheet listing the poet's name, address, phone number and email address, and title of each poem, must be included as well when submitting an entry.
5. Submissions can be hand delivered to Village Hall during normal business hours, Mon. through Fri., from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., or mailed to Village of Great Neck Plaza, Village Hall, 2 Gussck Plaza, P.O. Box 440, Great Neck, NY 11022-0440, so long as it's postmarked by January 25, 2019.

Winners will be posted on the Village's website, www.greatneckplaza.net. An Awards Reading Day (Sun., April 7, 2019) will take place in the Great Neck Plaza court room for the winners of the 9th Annual Poetry Contest starting at 12 Noon. The first prize winner will receive \$150 and a 20-minute reading at Awards Day, second prize winner will receive \$75 and a 10-minute reading, and the third place winner will receive \$50 and a 5-minute reading. There will also be two awards for Honorable Mention; these poets will be invited to read their poems as well.

Each of these winning poems will be posted for one month on seven secure outdoor village sign posts, on the bulletin board in Village Hall, and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR ticket building. Honorable Mention poems will



be posted for two weeks at the aforementioned locations. Refreshments will be served at the Awards Day Reading Program and it's a free event.

In conjunction with Carolyn Raphael, VGNP Poetry Coordinator, we are pleased to announce Suzanne Noguere will be the contest judge for this poetry contest. Ms. Noguere is a poet whose work has appeared in many journals, among them *The Nation*, *Poetry*, and *The Literary Review*, and in several anthologies, including *A Formal Feeling Comes: Poems in Form by Contemporary Women*. She is the author of *Whirling Round the Sun* (poems) and two natural history children's books as well as co-author of the novel *The Stone House*, *A Blues Legend* and the musical play *Klub Ka, The Blues Legend*. She has received the "Discovery"/The Nation Prize, a Poetry Society of America award, and the University of Iowa Partnership in the Arts Award.

For more information regarding the Plaza's Ninth Annual Poetry Contest, please contact VGNP Poetry Coordinator, Carolyn Raphael, gnppoetry@yahoo.com, or Vincent Ferry, the Mayor's Assistant, at Village Hall, Mon. through Fri., from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at mayorsassistant@greatneckplaza.net or (516) 482-4500.

Good luck poets!