



Poetry Post Submission Guidelines

Overall Goal of the Project: Every September we encourage poets with connections to our North Oregon Coast community to submit their work for display in the Wonder Garden's all-weather, all-seasons poetry post. The theme for 2023 is "Seasons in the Garden." We seek poems that reflect the experience of the garden, not only in summer's colorful bloom, but all year long.

Specific requirements for the submissions:

- Poems should explore place, environment, and/or the relationship between humans and the garden.
- Simultaneous submissions and previously published work are allowed.
- The submission period will open September 1 and close October 31.
- Each poem must be no more than 30 lines, including stanza breaks and epigraphs.
- Poems must be in 12 pt. font and single-spaced.
- Upload 3-5 poems in one Word document with the **title of the first poem** as the file name.
- Begin each poem on a new page.
- **Do not include your name and contact information in the document or file name.** The judges read submissions "blindly" to ensure decisions are based on the work, not the person.
- Submissions that do not meet these criteria will not be considered for the project.

Who Can Submit:

- Poets with a connection to the North Oregon Coast
- The biographical statement must be no more than 50 words and clearly indicate the author's connection to the North Oregon Coast.

How to Submit:

- All work must be submitted electronically, including the \$5 submission fee.
- Non-compliance with requirements may result in the pieces being declined.
- Submission fees help support submission management.

What Submitters Can Expect

- The winners will be notified by email on November 15th and announced in the HCA's e-newsletter and in general coastal media and social media.
- Poems will be posted in the Wonder Garden for one month and published in the Hoffman Center's website the month afterwards in an "In Case You Missed It" posting.

Who to Contact:

- For questions, contact hoffmanwritingprograms@gmail.com.