



“Seasons in the Garden” Submission Guidelines

Each year we encourage poets with connections to our North Oregon Coast community to submit their work on the theme of “Seasons in the Garden” for display in the Wonder Garden’s all-weather, all-seasons poetry post. 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. If previously published, please indicate where the poem first appeared.
- 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 **Poetry Post** 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 "blind" 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
<https://hoffmancenterforthearts.submittable.com/submit>
Non-compliance with requirements may result in the pieces being declined.

What Submitters Can Expect

- Two to four weeks after the submission window closes, winners will be notified by email in 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 online newsletter.

Who to Contact:

- For questions, contact hoffmanwritingprograms@gmail.com.