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The Poets' Corner Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Modesto Poets' Corner Committee, a subcommittee of the Modesto Culture Commission.

WHO MAY ENTER

*Poets of any age who reside in Stanislaus County**

1. **GENERAL:** Any kind of poetry on any subject, rhymed or unrhymed. Free verse and form welcome. Group of three haiku accepted as one entry.
2. **SPECIAL: Kindness and Connection:** How do we help to heal the divisions between people, ideas, and beliefs? How can we be kind, or make connections with each other, even when being compassionate is inconvenient, uncomfortable, or even dangerous?

RULES

1. No more than two entries per person, not to exceed 32 lines each. Entries may be two of one category or one of each category.
2. Entries must be unpublished at the time of submission
3. Plagiarism or offensive language will be grounds for disqualification of submitted work.
4. All entries must be typed on standard 8 ½"x 11" paper, double-spaced, in standard font.
5. At the top of each poem, indicate contest category and, if under the age of 18, grade in school. **Do not put name of poet on any submitted poem: put name on cover page or entry form only.**

FOR ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

1. Include one cover page with poet's name, address, email address and title(s) of poem(s). If poet is a student, indicate grade, school and name of teacher.
2. Submit cover page and one copy of each poem in .doc, .docx or .pdf format to poetscornermodesto@gmail.com.

FORM MAILED SUBMISSIONS

1. Submit one copy of each poem entered along with one entry form for each poet to:

City of Modesto
Parks and Recreation Department
c/o Poets' Corner Contest
P. O. Box 642
Modesto, CA 9535
Delivery Address: 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4400

or

McHenry Museum
c/o Poets' Corner Contest
1402 I Street, Modesto, CA 95353

2. Poems will not be returned after the contest, so entrants should keep copies of their work.

(*Students who attend schools in Stanislaus County are eligible to submit entries to the Poets' Corner Contest.)

Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, March 7, 2020

Or

Submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on Friday, March 7, 2020

WINNERS

Winners will be notified by email (or mail, when email is unavailable.). Poets will be invited to read their winning poems on **Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the McHenry Museum, followed by light refreshments.

Winning poems will be collected in a booklet. Each winner will receive a booklet, and a copy will be added to the Poets' Bookshelf at the McHenry Museum.

ENTRY FORM		
Poet's Name:		
Address:		
City:	ZIP	Phone
Email:		
Title of Poem:		
Category (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Special		
If Student, Grade:	Teacher:	
School:		

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*“Remember you are all people
 and all people are you.”*

-Joy Harjo

