



2012 Poetry Challenge

Amateur, semi-professional and professional poets of all ages who live, work or go to school in Illinois are invited to submit original poetry in response to the 2012 Poetry Challenge. This year Highland Park Poetry challenges poets to write a response to one of the following prompts:

- Siblings (Brothers and Sisters)
- Seasons

Poetry submissions will be selected by a jury for a local exhibition throughout April 2012. Selected adult poets will be invited to read their poems at The Art Center of Highland Park on Friday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m. Selected student poets will be invited to read their poems at the Highland Park Public Library Auditorium on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Selected poetry will also be featured on the Muses' Gallery of Highland Park Poetry website throughout April 2012.

Categories: Poems will be chosen in each of the following categories: grades K – 5, 6 – 8, 9 – 12, College/University, Adult Highland Park resident and Adult non-resident.

Deadline: *Monday, March 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.* is the deadline for receipt of electronic submissions. Submissions sent via US Mail must be postmarked by that date.

Number of Submissions: There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of \$3 per additional poem; limit 5 poems. Check or Money Order payable to *Highland Park Poetry*.

Electronic Submission of poem(s) is preferred: Send poem(s) as text in the body of an e-mail to: Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org. Please put "2012 Poetry Challenge" in the subject line of your e-mail. You may attach a scanned copy of the completed Entry/Release form *or* send form + any applicable reading fee to U.S. mailing address below.

Submissions by U.S. Mail: Send poem(s), completed/signed Entry/Release Form and reading fee (if applicable) to: Highland Park Poetry c/o Jennifer Dotson, 376 Park Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Notification will be made to those whose work is selection for exhibition, publication and reading no later than March 21, 2012.

Request for art work. Photographers and visual artists are encouraged to submit works related to the 2012 Challenge to be displayed at our local display and on www.highlandparkpoetry.org.

For further information regarding the poetry challenge, contact: Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org

Highland Park Poetry's 2012 Poetry Challenge Entry Form (may be copied if needed)

Poet's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Poet Category: K – 5 _____ Grades 6 – 8 _____ Grades 9 – 12 _____

College/University _____ Adult – HP Resident _____ Adult – Non-Resident _____

Title(s) _____

Has work been previously published? ____ Yes ____ No

If Yes,
please indicate where & when _____

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How many poems are you submitting? _____ Fee enclosed? _____

Eligibility: Amateur, semi-professional and professional poets of all ages who live, work, or study in Illinois. Submissions:

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or wishes related to siblings (brothers and sisters) or seasons
- Previously published poems are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 30 lines or fewer.

Release Form: Submissions must include a copy of the following completed form indicating your acknowledgement that (1) your submission is original and is not a copy or derivative of any other work and (2) Highland Park Poetry's 2012 Poetry Challenge has your irrevocable permission, without restriction, to use your work in original form or reproduction for exhibition, advertising, educational and promotional materials for this event as well as other events as Highland Park Poetry may determine in its sole and absolute discretion. Reasonable care will be taken in handling submissions but Highland Park Poetry is not responsible for accidental damage or loss.

PLEASE PRINT

Title of work(s) (if any): _____

Poet's Name: _____

Poet's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School / Grade / Teacher Name (if applicable) _____

For Parents of Minors: I have signed the above Release on behalf of myself and my minor child

Parent's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____