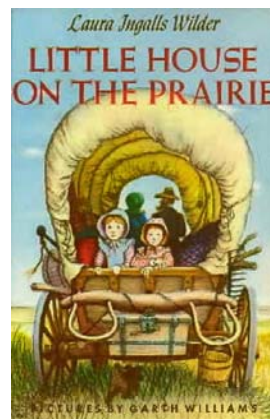




# 2017 Poetry Challenge

**Who may participate:** Amateurs, semi-professionals, professionals and students of all ages are invited to submit original poetry in response to the 2017 Poetry Challenge. This year Highland Park Poetry challenges poets to write a response to one of the following prompts:

- **Prairie & Pioneers** (in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laura Ingalls Wilder's birth)
- **The Secret Life of Insects & Spiders**
- **Epistolary or Letter Poem**



## What are the guidelines?

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to the challenge themes or form.
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 30 lines or fewer.

## What is the timeline for this project?

**\*Deadline for submissions: Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

\*Selected authors will be notified on or before March 20, 2017

There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of \$4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.

## How will works be collected?

- **Via Electronic Submission:** Send pieces(s) as text in the body of an e-mail or as a .doc or .pdf attachment to: [Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org](mailto:Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org). Please put "2017 Poetry Challenge" in the subject line of your e-mail.
- **Submissions by U.S. Mail:** Send poem(s), completed/signed Entry/Release form and any reading fees (if applicable) to: Highland Park Poetry c/o Jennifer Dotson, 376 Park Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035



## How will poems be selected?

Poetry submissions will be selected by a guest judge. Selected adult poets will be invited to read their poems at The Art Center of Highland Park on a date still to be determined. Selected student poets will be invited to read their poems at the Highland Park Public Library Auditorium (494 Laurel Avenue) on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Selected poetry will also be featured on the Muses' Gallery on the Highland Park Poetry website throughout April 2017.

## What are the categories?

Depending on submissions received, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place poems will be awarded in the following categories:

- Student, K – 5
- Student, 6 – 8
- Student, 9 – 12
- Student, College/University
- Adult Highland Park Resident
- Adult non-resident



## Request for Art Work.

Photographers and visual artists are encouraged to submit works related to the 2017 Challenge to be included in our display on [www.highlandparkpoetry.org](http://www.highlandparkpoetry.org). Artist/photographer will be credited.

# 2017 Poetry Challenge Entry Form

Poet's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Student, K-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Student, 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ Student, 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult, Non-HP Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Adult, HP Resident \_\_\_\_\_

**There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of \$4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.**

How many poems are you submitting? \_\_\_\_\_ Fee enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Has work been previously published? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*If Yes,*

please indicate where & when \_\_\_\_\_

## Submissions:

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to Prairie & Pioneers (honoring Laura Ingalls Wilder's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth), or the Secret Life of Insects & Spiders, or should be written in the form of a Letter or Epistolary poem.
- Previously published works 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 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 responsible for accidental damage or loss.

PLEASE PRINT

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: \_\_\_\_\_