

*Scotts Valley
Arts Commission*



Announces

The 17th Annual Verse in the Valley Poetry Contest

LOOKING FOR POETS OF ALL AGES!

- Submit up to two poems, each not to exceed 200 words.
- Open to all ages!
- Winners in each category will read their poems to the Scotts Valley City Council, which is televised.
- Winning poems may be published.
- Teachers of winning students will receive a \$50 cash prize, sponsored by the Scotts Valley Advocates.
- **Submission Deadline is March 31, 2017.**

Entry forms and instructions can be obtained at the Scotts Valley Recreation Office, or via email: rec@scottsvalley.org

If additional information is needed, please call the Recreation Office at 831 438-3251



VERSE IN THE VALLEY 2017 – CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of Poet: _____

Address: _____ School _____ Teacher _____

Level: (Check one): _____ Grades K-3 _____ Grades 4-5 _____ Grades 6-8 _____ High School
 _____ Adult _____ Class Poem (grade level and teacher's name)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Poem number one: Title _____ Number _____

Poem number two: Title _____ Number _____

Please read below, as requirements have changed from last year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

- 1) Poems may be up to seven stanzas or 200 words and must be no longer than one page.
- 2) Teachers may submit class poems written by several students or the whole class. A "Class Poem" is one that is written in collaborative fashion by many, if not all members of a classroom, with some editing and direction provided by a teacher or an aide in the classroom. We will award a category to: "Best Class Poem". Teachers please try not to use "pattern poems" such as "Red is... or Blue is..." (call Trish Melehan at 566-9411 or email her at tmelehan@aol.com if you have questions).
- 3) Up to two poems may be submitted by each participant, unless a teacher is submitting poems from each student in a class. In such a case the teacher should pick the single best poem of a student to submit.
- 4) To insure the anonymity of poets, please follow the directions below:
Each poem should be on a separate sheet of paper and should have the title at the top. Do NOT put poet's name on the poem. Instead create a five digit number to put below the poem. EXAMPLE: 35782. Also, put the age category of the poet, next to the number. All poems must be submitted with this form. Each poem must be in a legible format and suitable for photocopying.
- 5) First, second, and third place certificates in each category will be awarded at a Scotts Valley City Council meeting. Poets will be asked to read their poem to the City Council. The meetings are usually televised on Community Television (Channel 25). All levels listed at the top of this page will be awarded certificates. In the past several poems have been published by a local newspaper and we expect they may be published this year as well.
- 6) **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS March 31, 2017.**
- 7) BRING OR MAIL POEMS TO:

Poetry Contest, c/o S.V. Recreation Office - 361 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

They can also be submitted via email to: rec@scottsvalley.org