Call for Poems for the 2023 Poets’ Calendar

November 1, 2021-February 1, 2022

The Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets is accepting poems for the 2023 Wisconsin Poets’ Calendar. Submission Guidelines: Poets must be at least 18, a resident of Wisconsin or have a close connection to Wisconsin.

We are looking for poems that reflect the “Mythos of Wisconsin.” A mythos is a traditional or current theme, or a set of beliefs. A mythos can be a myth, of course, but it can also be a person or a landscape or even an historical moment that illuminates what Wisconsin is all about. The basic idea is that a mythos underlies the lives we as poets, the mythmakers and storytellers, are living now. It explores how our Wisconsin lives have come to be how they are.

Please adhere to the guidelines below:

1. Submit one to two poems, single-spaced, not centered. Shorter poems preferred. Poems longer than 34 lines, counting stanza breaks, may not be accepted.
2. Previously published work accepted. Include the name of the publication where it first appeared.
3. Please attach your poems in one WORD document only to your emailed submission — do not put them in the body of the email. Attach as a word doc.
4. Include the following in the document with your poems: your name, street address, phone, email and short bio written in third person (30 word maximum). Please include ALL information requested, as lack of it may disqualify your submission. (We have limited time, and we’d rather spend it reading great poems than tracking down email addresses or phone numbers.)
5. If you don’t have an email address, send your typewritten poems to Thomas and Ethel Mortenson Davis, 231 N Hudson Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. No hand-written poems accepted.
6. We will confirm receipt by email, unless you send a postal submission. Then, include two stamped postcards: one for notification that your poems have been received and one for notification that your poem will or will not be included in the Calendar.
7. Deadline for submissions: February 1, 2022. Poems arriving after 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2022 will not be considered. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2022.
8. Email your submissions to 2023calendarsubmission@gmail.com. Put [last name] [first name] in the subject line.
9. We want to read your best poems!
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