Wildling Museum 2021 Poetry Competition

**Why Earth Day Matters**

The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature is pleased to present its 2021 poetry competition, *Why Earth Day Matters*. The competition is a celebration of Earth Day, taking place this year on April 22, 2021, and is intended to highlight the importance of standing up to protect the planet’s dwindling natural resources and working against the threats of climate change.

The top three poems will be announced and read at the annual Santa Barbara Earth Day virtual celebration organized by the Community Environmental Council (CEC). Top three winners and select submissions will be and featured on the Wildling Museum website in the Spring of 2021.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
1. Must be a current Santa Barbara County resident.
2. All ages encouraged to submit. Youth entrants, age 17 or younger as of March 22, 2021 must have a parent or guardian signature in order to submit.
3. Wildling Museum Board of Directors, Staff, and their spouses are not eligible for entry.

**POETRY SUBMISSIONS:**
This is a juried competition. **No more than three (3) entries** may be submitted per person. Entries may be submitted by:

**EMAIL:** lauren@wildlingmuseum.org
Email Subject: Poetry Entry – Why Earth Day Matters

A completed entry form should be submitted with entries by email.

For further information, go to:

**POEM REQUIREMENTS:**
- All poems must be the entrant’s original work and must not have been published on any other publication or online platform prior to March 22, 2021.
- All poems should reflect competition theme, “Why Earth Day Matters.”
- Poems should be submitted in both Word and PDF format, so layout is preserved.
- Poem must fit on one 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with font size no smaller than 10 points.
- All poems should have a title.
- All poetry styles welcome. Rhyming is not required.
- When contacted by the Wildling Museum, Finalists must submit a video recording reading their poetry by Thursday, April 15, 2021, for inclusion in any pre-recorded segments for CEC’s virtual Earth Day celebration.
- The poem, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material written by the Competition entrant. By entering the Competition, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted poem is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the poem does not infringe on
the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the poem.

- The poem must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

**All files should specify:**

1. Entrant’s Full Name
2. Poem Title

**PRIZES AND AWARDS:**

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**JUROR:**

Poetry entries will be judged by poet Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, former Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara (2015-2017).

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

All Entries Due: March 22, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Finalists Notified: April 8, 2021 by 5 p.m.

**LICENSE:**

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