

2025 Community Poetry Contest

Introducing the *inaugural* BAAC Adult Creative Writing Contest! Writers are invited to submit one poem for our inaugural contest. Open to adults age 18 and older.

The theme for this year is “A Walk in the Woods.”



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Entry Guidelines:

Include the title of the poem and your name at the top of the first page. Number your pages. Entries should be no more than 8 pages, single-sided. Entries must represent original work not previously published. No vulgar, profane, or pornographic entries will be accepted. Entries will be judged on technique & style, creativity, clarity, and relation to theme. One entry per person. Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will be disqualified.

To Enter:

- Print your entry and bring the poem in person with the entry form to the library on Thursday, May 29 from 5:30p-7:00. Entries must be single-sided and include the author's name and title of the entry.
 - Creative displays are welcome but not required.
- Then, also digitally submit your poem to baacwritingcontest@gmail.com by 11:59pm on 5/29. Please be sure your name is in the body of the email. A PDF is preferred to preserve formatting.

Entry Fee/Awards:

- \$25 per submission - payable in person at the library on May 29. Checks made payable to BAAC.
- As long as there are at least 5 entries,
 - 1st place - \$300; 2nd place - \$150
- If not enough entries, will move to judge's choice awards.
- Awards Reception – Thursday June 26th. Reception starts at 6:30p with winners announced at 7:00p. Winners may choose to read their poems at this time.
- Pick-up Date – Monday, June 30th from 5:30p-7:00p.

Questions?:

- Email the coordinator – Mary Gehring – baacwritingcontest@gmail.com

2025 BAAC Community Creative Writing Contest Entry Form:

Poet's Name: _____

Poet Phone Number: _____

Name of Poem: _____