



Ross Andrews Nature Poetry
Contest
2019
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Ross Andrews was a young environmental educator who believed in the importance of the Natural World and Humans' relationship to it. He spent years developing his own deeper relationship to Earth. Even as a soil and forestry restoration scientist, Ross knew that the key to our collective futures was through the heart and spirit. He found that poetry was the path to express his passion for the beauty, wonder, awe and/or intimacy that one experiences with the natural world.

His friends and colleagues have chosen to remember him with an annual Nature Poetry contest.

The 2019 contest will have six individual categories: grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, College age and Adult with monetary awards for each category winner. The outstanding Classroom Collection will win an award sent to the teacher for a class celebration. Follow the rules below:

1. Name your poem form; for example: Sonnet, haiku, villanelle, free verse, etc.
2. Use basic rules of capitalization
3. Proof read for grammar and spelling
4. No inappropriate or vulgar language will be accepted
5. Use formal English- no abbreviations

In a cover letter include author's name, address, phone number, email address, grade, teacher, age, school, city, county, state, a brief descriptive paragraph of time and location of poetic theme, and certify that the poem entry is an original work.

Judging will be done by an expert panel of English teachers and poets. Winners will be notified by April 11 and will be invited to read their poems during a Celebration on April 26, 2019 at which time they will receive their award.

Deadline: If emailed, no later than midnight, March 31. Send to humanearthrestoration@gmail.com If mailed, entry must be postmarked no later than March 31. Send to:

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