

The Ina Coolbrith Circle

96th ANNUAL POETS' DINNER CONTEST

Entry Fee \$20 Open to All Poets Presence Required to Claim Awards

Awards and Lunch at Benicia City Park, 150 Military West, Benicia CA

Saturday, June 3, 2023 Noon to 4 pm

<https://sites.google.com/site/poetsdinner>

THEME: WATER

GUEST SPEAKER: AMY MILLER

**CONTEST DEADLINE: March 31, 2023 (POSTMARKED BEFORE
MIDNIGHT)**

NO CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL

**CATEGORIES: BEGINNINGS & ENDINGS, HUMOR, LOVE, NATURE, PEOPLE, POET'S CHOICE,
SPACES & PLACES, THEME (WATER)**

Poems must be original, in English, not have appeared online or in any journal or newspaper professionally published, and not be previous cash prizewinners (Honorable Mentions OK). Winning poems may be included in a future anthology. Others will be destroyed after 4/24/23. 42-line maximum, any form or style. Up to four entries (4) per person; one (1) per category

1. Type entry on ONE side only of 8 1/2 x 11 white paper.
2. Type category in upper right-hand corner of each page.
3. **DO NOT** put your name, etc. ANYWHERE on any entered poem.
4. Send three (3) clear copies of EACH entry (with no illustrations).
5. *AUTHOR MUST ATTEND TO CLAIM ANY AWARD.*
6. **BRING:** a Chair, Lunch, Drinks (water, soft drinks [no alcohol]), Sun Hat, Title and First Line of Poems Submitted.

MAIL ENTRIES and FEE (\$20 checks to POETS' DINNER) TO CONTEST
CHAIR: Gwynn O'Gara, 599 Teresa Ct, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Questions? gwynn@gwynnogara.com or Planning Committee member Johanna
Ely jelyabc13@yahoo.com

PRIZES: One POETS DINNER GRAND PRIZE: \$100 -- To be chosen from among the first three prize winners in each category. For each CATEGORY: Three Prizes --- \$50, \$25, \$15, plus three Honorable Mentions.

Last Year's Grand Prize Poem will be read by the author, Gwynn O'Gara

AWARD PROCEDURE: Winning entries will be read and awards presented only at this event. On slips provided at the event, write your name and the title and first line of each poem submitted. Use the slip to claim a winning poem after it is read. If there is NO CLAIM, the prize will go to the next ranked submission. Judges' decisions are final. NOTE: The Ina Coolbrith Circle invites all those interested in poetry to its September meeting (place and date TBA) where winners are invited to read their winning poems.

DONATIONS: Books and contributions to sustain awards may be sent to Awards Co-Chair Natica Angilly, 1515 Poplar Ave., Richmond, CA 94805-1662. (Donor calls only, please): (510) 235-0361. POETRY BOOK TABLE: Please prearrange sale space for your books by contacting Book Table Chair Sandra Anfang before May 31, 2023 at rivertown@gmail.com

Tear off slip below and enclose with entries and entry fee check

-

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____