

7th Annual “Gathering of Verses” Poetry Contest Entry Form

Sponsored by the Whittier Home Association & the Amesbury Cultural Council

** Please note that a separate entry form must accompany each poem that is submitted.
Teachers: Your class entries, and completed entry forms, should be sent in one package to:
Gathering of Verses Poetry Contest – PO Box 632 – Amesbury, MA 01913
Optionally, they can be scanned and emailed to chrisbryant1@comcast.net
Please put “Gathering of Verses” in the subject line of the email
Entries must be postmarked or received in an email by April 16th, 2022

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Title of Poem _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parental permission:

I give full permission for my child/ward to submit their poetry to this contest.

Parent/Guardian’s Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: (mm-dd-yy) _____

Student Pledge of Originality:

I declare and avow that the poem(s) I am submitting to Gathering of Verses Poetry Contest is my own original work and has not been published.

Student’s Signature _____

Date: (mm-dd-yy) _____

“GATHERING OF VERSES” CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to all students presently enrolled in High School.
There is no entry fee required.
2. Students may enter up to three poems. A separate entry form **must** accompany each submission. One can enter individually or as part of a class group. Teachers should send all the entries from their classes together in one (or several if needed) envelopes or packages. Entries should be sent to: Gathering of Verses Poetry Contest – PO Box 632 – Amesbury, MA 01913, **or scanned and emailed to chrisbryant1@comcast.net with “Gathering of Verses” in the subject line.**
3. All entrants will be acknowledged with a “Gathering of Verses” certificate of achievement. Certificates for group submissions will be sent to the teacher for distribution to the entrants. If entering individually, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.
4. All poems must be original unpublished work and limited to thirty (30) lines. Poetry must be typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (pencil does not photocopy well); ASL poetry must be submitted on DVD. Please put your name, school and city on the poem itself in case it is separated from the entry form.
5. **DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked or received in email by April 16th, 2022.** We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail.
6. Winners will be announced by the end of April which is Poetry Month. For a list of winners, please see the Amesbury Cultural Council website:
<http://www.amesburyculturalcouncil.org/poetrymonth>

Winners will be asked to read their poems at an Awards Ceremony to coincide with the 24th Annual Tapestry of Voices celebration on Sunday, August 14th, hopefully in the garden at the Whittier Home in Amesbury. Prizes will include a Certificate of Excellence in Poetry and cash prizes as follows: 1st prize will be \$100, 2nd prize will be \$75, 3rd prize will be \$50 and Honorable Mention will be \$25.

Please send questions, comments and concerns to:

Christina Bryant, president of the Whittier Home Association

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