

CALL FOR POETRY THAT ADDRESSES SUSTAINABILITY 7th Ave. and Glenrosa Poetry Panels



Submission Deadline: January 19, 2018 by 11:59 p.m.
Award for selected poetry and reading: \$750* (six poems will be selected)

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix Poet Laureate, Rosemarie Dombrowski, is seeking Arizona poets to submit short poems, 50 words or less, to be featured on the 7th Avenue and Glenrosa Streetscape exhibition panels. Six (6) poems will be selected and designed for display with visual art. The combination of poetry and visual art will turn the large, illuminated panels into a “street book” for pedestrians to stop and read.

The completed project will be celebrated in April 2018 for National Poetry Month, in a public event recognizing the poets and the artist. Poets whose work is selected will be invited to read their poems during the celebration.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Poems selected will spark imagination and deepen awareness about the need to protect and reuse valuable resources. This is part of the City’s “Reimagine Phoenix” effort, which is to recycle at least 40 percent of the trash going into landfills by the year 2020.

For additional ideas and inspiration, visit the Sustainability page for the City of Phoenix:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/sustainability>

ELIGIBILITY

This opportunity is only open to Arizona poets. The poets selected should represent the myriad residents of Phoenix, highlighting diversity of age, ability, ethnicity, and gender.

Poets should submit in their age group category. Please stipulate which age category you're entering on your submission, and keep in mind that all poems are limited to a maximum of **50 words** given space constraints and readability.

Categories:

Ages 18-25

Ages 25-55

Ages 55+

The two highest scoring poems from each category (6 total) will be illustrated and displayed as part of the 7th Avenue Streetscapes for a minimum of one year.

CRITERIA

- Well-crafted micropoems should be under 50 words, be more substantive than haiku, and avoid rhyme schemes.
- We are interested in a variety of styles, ranging from narrative to lyrical to imagistic.
- We also welcome unexpected forms such as prose poetry, micro-sequences, and even lyrical lists.
- We privilege inventive concepts/topics, lyrical syntax, and accessible diction.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Email

1.) a one-page PDF resume and

2.) your 50-word (or less) poem about sustainability as a PDF document to phxpoetrysubmissions@gmail.com with the subject line "**Poetry Panels Submission**" by January 19, 2018

RULES AND GUIDELINES

This project is funded by the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture (POAC), which reserves the rights to determine in its sole discretion which submittals best meet the criteria for this project, to reject any or all submittals, and to otherwise manage the award process as it sees fit.

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