Local Poem of the Month: Guidelines

Eligibility:

- Ages 15 and up
- Poets must reside, full or part-time, on the Cape or Islands. You **do not** have to be a Brewster resident in order to submit.
- Both previously-published poets and unpublished poets are eligible.
- You **do not** have to have a Brewster Ladies' Library card in order to submit work.

Directions on Submission Process:

- Each poet may only submit **one poem per year.**
- Poems must be able to fit on one regular 8 ½'' x 11'' sheet of paper. They may be single or double spaced, but **should not exceed 25 lines**. Please use a standard 12 pt. font.
- All poems, whether previously published or never-before published, are acceptable.
- You may also include a brief bio and a photo of yourself to be displayed in the library alongside your poem, but these are not requirements for submission.
- There is no submission fee.
- Submissions will be accepted **year-round** on a rolling basis.
- Please note that submitted poems will not be returned, so retain a copy of your work.
- **How to submit**: Email your poem as an attachment to sallen@brewsterladieslibrary.org with "Poetry Submission" in the subject line. If you wish to include a bio and photo for display, please include them as a separate attachment in the same email. If you would prefer to submit a hard copy of your poem, you may drop it off at the library in an envelope labeled "Poetry Submission," or you can mail your submission to:

  Attn: Stephen Allen
  Brewster Ladies' Library
  1822 Main St.
  Brewster, MA 02631

Display Conditions:

- Selected poems will be on display for **one month** at the Brewster Ladies' Library and on the Brewster Ladies' Library website.
- Note on language, subject matter, and tone of poetry: Please keep in mind that your work will be displayed in a public library, and will be viewed by people of all ages. We ask that you eliminate all unnecessary profanities, and take care to meet our expected level of appropriateness as an educational institution.
- Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this poetry series are not in any way affiliated with the Brewster Ladies' Library Staff, Board, or Association. The material presented in these poems does not reflect the views, values, or policies of this library.

Any questions?:

- Please contact Stephen Allen at the Brewster Ladies' Library with all questions. Stephen can be reached at sallen@brewsterladieslibrary.org . You may also call the library, 508-896-3913, for more info.