

# Poetry & Art

**The Exhibit: September 22 to October 15, 2017**

Opening Reception: Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Call for Poets

### The Exhibit:

Welcome to the fifth annual Poetry and Art show. After four successful and moving exhibits from 2013 to 2016, we are thrilled to begin preparations for our next exhibit. This year will be even more exciting and challenging. The 2017 Poetry and Art Show will be based upon the theme of “Connections”.

### Connections

Link • Bond • Pathway • Bridge • Friends • Communications • Network

We will create an exhibit of 40 pieces of artwork that are accompanied by 40 new, original *ekphrastic* poems. An *ekphrastic* poem is a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art.

Poets may submit two of their own poems to the WAA Poetry & Art Committee. Please do not submit poems that have been published in previous Poetry and Art Exhibits. The submitted poems are the selection criteria for the Committee and will not be used in the Poetry and Art exhibit. The Committee will notify poets by May 13<sup>th</sup> as to whether they have been selected to participate in Poetry and Art. The forty selected poets will then write an original poem in response to fine art that has been juried into the exhibit and assigned to the poet. Depending on the number of art entries accepted, the Committee may select some poets to write more than one poem for the exhibit.



Poets and artists will not meet until just prior to the opening, heightening the excitement for this annual exhibit at the Wickford Art Association. Poetry readings and related events will take place during and around the time of the exhibit.

Poetry and Art's Call to Artists for fine art submissions is now open and can be viewed in a separate document available on the Wickford Art Association [website](#).

### Call for Poets Submission Guidelines:

- Eligibility: All emerging and established poets and writers are eligible.
- Number of Entries: Two (2) of your poems that represent your work. The poems may have been previously published, as selected poets will create new poetry in response to art for this exhibit, but do not submit poems that have been published in past WAA Poetry and Art exhibits.
- Subject: No politics, religion, or offensive language or subject matter.

### Deadlines & Exhibit Fee:

- Wednesday, May 10, 2017: Deadline for submission of existing poems for consideration (there is no fee to submit 2 poems to Committee).
- May 13, 2017: Poets are notified by email of acceptance.
- June 1, 2017: If accepted, payment of \$40 must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If payment is not received, poet will not be assigned artwork.
- June 1, 2017: Artwork files (.jpeg) emailed to accepted and paid poets.
- July 15, 2017: Deadline for submission of new ekphrastic poetry.
- Exhibit Fee: Once selected, the fee for a poet's participation in the exhibit is \$40.00 and includes one (1) copy of the limited edition 2017 Wickford Art Association Poetry & Art exhibit book. Fee may be paid with a credit card through PayPal online at [www.wickfordart.org](http://www.wickfordart.org). Payments may also be made by credit card or check mailed or hand-delivered to the gallery. Please make checks payable to **Wickford Art Association**. Cash payments should be made in the gallery only.
- Mailed Books: Include an additional \$10 for mailed books (US only).

### What to Submit:

- The Poems: Each poem should be no more than one page, 32 lines maximum, 14 point type. Two (2) poems should be submitted per poet. Poems over 32 lines will not be considered.
- The Bio: Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and a short bio not to exceed 50



words.

### How to Submit:

- Format: Poems and Bio must be created/sent in a Microsoft Word document (.doc) format or Adobe PDF (.pdf) format.
- E-mail your documents to [wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com](mailto:wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com)
- The Subject Line must read: “Poetry Submission: (Your Name).” For example: Poetry Submission: Jane Smith
- Judging & Acceptance: participating poets will be selected based upon their entries as chosen by the Poetry & Art Committee.
- Selected poets: entrants will be notified by May 13, 2017 via e-mail.

### Questions:

- Please contact: [wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com](mailto:wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com)
- In the subject line, please note: “Questions for Poetry and Art”.

### You Agree:

By submitting poetry, you agree to all terms specified: the Wickford Art Association may publish your final, completed work for the purposes of an exhibition, the creation of a book for fundraising and for publicity for the Wickford Art Association.

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We look forward to your participation in this exciting show!  
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