



In-Gallery Exhibit: October 6 - 24, 2021
Online Virtual Gallery: Launches by October 8, 2021
Opening Reception: Wednesday- October 6, 2021

CALL FOR POETRY PORTFOLIOS

The Exhibit:

Following eight successful and moving exhibits from 2013 to 2020, preparations have begun for the 9th annual Poetry & Art event. This year, Art will lead the event – whereby up to three works of art per artist can be submitted and juried. Then, participating poets will be selected based on a small portfolio of their work and assigned a juried work of art based upon the theme of COLOR. The poets will be challenged to create an original responsive work based on their assigned artwork.

9th Annual Poetry & Art Theme is...COLOR

All poets and artists are juried anonymously. Wickford Art Association will select approximately 40 poets and artists for the live exhibition and for the 2021 Poetry & Art limited-edition book. WAA will continue the tradition of submitting our Poetry & Art publication to The Poets House library—one of America's premiere poetry libraries in New York City. Each edition of Poetry & Art has been submitted to The Poets House collection.

Poets will be asked to submit a sample portfolio of three (3) original works to the WAA Poetry & Art Committee between March 19 and April 30, 2021 (by midnight). Poems submitted do not need to focus upon the chosen theme of COLOR but should represent the depth and breadth of each poets' creative work. The Committee will notify accepted poets by May 28, 2021; each poet will be charged with the creation of a **new, original and responsive** piece inspired by an assigned work of art. Artwork will be displayed at the exhibition alongside corresponding poetry.

Poets and artists will not meet until the opening, heightening the excitement for this annual exhibit. Live poetry readings will take place the weekend following (Saturday- October 8 and Sunday- October 9). Each selected poet will receive a complimentary copy of Poetry & Art, the cost of which is included in the \$50 jury fee.

Submission & Participation Guidelines:

- Eligibility: All emerging and established poets and writers are eligible.
- Portfolio Submission: Provide three (3) **original, unpublished** poems between March 19 and April 30, 2021 (by midnight); each file should be identified in the following manner: [poet's last name.title of work], *for example:* [Frost.TheRoadNotTaken]. Poets must complete the registration form located at: <https://wickfordart.org/2020/09/11/9th-annual-poetry-art/>
- Each poem should be provided in .doc format, not PDF; if you need assistance reformatting files, please contact the gallery. No handwritten work will be considered.
- The 2021 jury fee is \$50 per poet.
- Formatting: each poem must be no more than one page, 32 lines maximum, 12-point type, standard font, left justified-- not centered; case and punctuation should be indicated and will be assumed intentional by the jurist(s).
- Following jury, if accepted to participate, poets will be notified via email and will submit a **new, original and responsive** poem by June 30, 2021. Final poetry files should be in .doc format, identified in the following manner: [poet's last name.title of work].
- Accepted poets will also be asked to provide a statement explaining their interpretation of artwork and the process they followed in creating a responsive work of poetry; these statements will be available during the in-gallery exhibit.
- Regarding the subject of submitted work, please refrain from language, subject matter, or political/religious references which could be considered overtly offensive.
- **Poems that do not meet these guidelines will not be considered.**

Deadlines & Jury Fee:

- **April 30, 2021:** Registration closes; \$50 jury fee due with submission
- **May 28, 2021:** Poets are notified by email of acceptance and artwork will be assigned.
- **June 30, 2021:** For accepted poets, deadline for **new, original and responsive** poems; email to wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com, subject line: FINAL POEM.
- At the exhibit opening, accepted poets will receive one (1) copy of the limited edition 2021 Wickford Art Association Poetry & Art publication.
- **If you are unable to attend the opening on Wednesday- October 6**, WAA will hold a book for pick-up at a later date, or WAA can ship the book for a \$10 S&H fee, payable through our online store or by calling (401) 294-6840.

Questions:

- Please contact: wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com

- In the subject line, please note: "Questions for Poetry & Art."