



Window Poems in Oak Bay

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Email Submission Deadline: Monday, September 9, 2024 at 11:59 PM

[Culture Days](#) is a national celebration of arts and culture running September 20th through October 13th, 2024; three glorious weeks of colour, creativity, and community.

Words have the power to inspire and intensify the daily experiences of residents. Through a selection of unique and poignant poems displayed in windows throughout Oak Bay, we hope to bring literary beauty and quiet contemplation into everyday life while spotlighting local talent.

Have your poem featured! Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture is delighted to offer this unique opportunity for up to 10 local poets at any level of experience to have their work showcased during Culture Days.

We are seeking to showcase a collection of short poems across various writing styles and themes i.e. experimental/visual, haiku, free verse, or none. Poets interested in participating can submit poems that are a maximum of 6 lines in length each.

Selected poems will be displayed in a storefront or municipal building window in Oak Bay and as such will be seen by families and small children. We hope to showcase positive, optimistic work. The selection panel will, at its discretion, determine if poems are suitable for these audiences.

Submission Parameters

Preferred new or recent original poems.

Submit up to 3 poems for consideration, only one poem per writer will be selected.

Poems must be short - a maximum of six lines long.

Please submit one single file containing your poem/s. (PDF's preferred)

Content Restrictions

We value differences. We embrace diversity and collaboration as sources of strength, champion inclusive deeds and attitudes, and encourage welcoming and equitable approaches that lead to full and meaningful participation of all.

Content should be geared to presentation within highly visible public spaces that are accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Content about the explicit use of alcohol, smoking, illegal drugs, horror, offensive language, nudity, explicit sexual activity and/or violence, will not be considered.

Advertising, religious or political materials or messaging will not be considered.

Example of How Poems will be Displayed

Poems will be painted on windows.

Selection Process and Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by Oak Bay staff and local writers (the "Selection Panel") according to the following criteria:

The poem's suitability for public display.

Priority is given to artists residing, working or studying in Oak Bay.



Payment

Poets selected for this opportunity will be paid a stipend of \$30 Canadian Dollars.

Based on The Writers' Union of Canada minimum rates of remuneration for Canadian Poetry.

Reserved Rights

The Poet will retain all rights, titles, and interests, including moral rights, to the submitted work.

The Poet understands that the District of Oak Bay will keep any documents of any type, including images, submitted by the Artist in accordance with its record-keeping obligations as required by applicable statutes, regulations, and by-laws. The Artist represents and warrants that the Artist is the exclusive owner of the rights conveyed to Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture and that the Artist has full power and authority to license the submitted work.

The Poet warrants and represents that the submitted work is original to the Artist and does not violate any intellectual property rights of any other person or entity contrary to the Copyright Act or otherwise provided at law.

The Poet understands that photographs and/or video of the poem taken in situ will be used on promotional materials/websites generated by Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture.

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Application Accessibility Support

Applicants who require additional resources, assistance or time to apply are welcome to request as such. Please request this assistance at least one week in advance of the submission deadline. To do so, or for additional information, please contact apass@oakbay.ca

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate:

<p>Oak Bay Resident <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>Work in Oak Bay <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>Study in Oak Bay <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>(Please provide the name of the school or institution: _____)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Child (under 13 years of age)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth (13-18 years old)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Emerging writer/poet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Established writer/poet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
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Poem title:

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