

MARIN POET LAUREATE

STEERING COMMITTEE

MARIN COUNTY FREE
LIBRARY SYSTEM

MARIN
POETRY CENTER

MARIN CULTURAL
SERVICES COMMISSION

DEADLINE

February 1, 2015

Applications must be
mailed by the deadline to:

Poet Laureate Nominations
4 Coronet Way
Kentfield, CA 94904

AND emailed
by the deadline to:
dick@wingspred.com

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MARIN POET LAUREATE NOMINATION GUIDELINES (2015-2017)

The Marin Poet Laureate Program is dedicated to building community through poetry by appointing and supporting a Poet Laureate for the county. As an ambassador for poetry, the Laureate promotes citizens' awareness of poetry as well as heightens their appreciation of the art form. The Laureate strives to forge a meaningful connection between poetry and the populace, undertakes projects that will make poetry more available and more accessible to people in their everyday lives, and demonstrates a dedication to the art of writing poetry.

THE MISSION & GOALS FOR THE POET LAUREATE POSITION ARE:

- to celebrate through poetry where we live and who we are
- to inspire others in their writing and personal expression
- to initiate dialogue between poets and the community
- to promote poetry through the media and through cultural organizations, and to reach out to community institutions
- to represent Marin poetry in the wider community
- to bring recognition to the history and tradition of poetry in Marin County
- to propose specific goals and activities in order to expand the appreciation of poetry in the community
- to encourage writing in all age groups
- to promote poetry at cultural events
- to create new work
- to create and/or read poetry at civic occasions, celebrations and moments of public transition
- to bring attention to poetry in less traditional settings

Poet Laureate selection will be achieved by a competitive nomination process. It requires both a nominator and a nominee. The person nominated must have contributed to Marin County's poetic community, must have written poetry of merit. S/he should be comfortable with public presentation and interaction. A stipend will be awarded. The tenure of Poet Laureate is two years.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Marin County Poet Laureate will be:

- Introduced at the Marin County Board of Supervisors
- Be interviewed regarding his/her life history and writing, including a reading of poetry
- Select and carry out a project

The Poet Laureate will report to the steering committee in order to prioritize activities, either suggested by the committee or by the Poet Laureate.

Examples of past activities include:

Civic Events, including

- The Marin County Fair
- Inaugural events/ceremonies
- Community celebrations
- Final Judging for the High School Poetry contest conducted by the Marin Poetry Center

Partnership Activities, including

- Participation in events at the Marin Poetry Center, Marin County Free Library System, Falkirk Center, Jewish Community Center, Headlands Center for the Arts, the College of Marin or other such organizations

Outreach Activities, including

- Regular poetry column for a local paper
- Radio/TV appearances
- Book store readings
- Presentations or readings at senior centers and schools
- Reach Out and Read (ROAR for Senior Services)
- Poetry Exchange Boxes

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be:

- At least eighteen years of age
- Actively writing poetry and working within Marin's poetic community
- A current resident of Marin and a resident for the past 12 months
- Plan to maintain residency in Marin during the two year time of tenure
- Only one nomination per nominator

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NOMINATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The following must be postmarked by the deadline date of February 1, 2015:

- Completed nomination form with signatures of both nominator and nominee (one copy with original signature)
- Additional pages as needed for supportive statements (one copy)
- A poetry sample with no more than five pages of 8 1/2 x 11 paper with no more than 1 poem per page (one copy)
- Additionally, the nomination submission materials must be emailed to dick@wingspred.com

NOMINATION REVIEW PROCESS

The Selection Committee will include a representative from the Marin County Free Library System, The Marin Poetry Center, and The Cultural Services Commission. There will be an additional appointed member from the Marin cultural community.

The award decisions are made based on strength of past community contributions and current samples of poetry, and proposed activities. It is important to know that:

- Applications will be screened for adherence to guidelines. Those not meeting criteria will be removed from consideration
- The Committee will review the nomination forms, sample work and proposals
- The Committee is not required to provide feedback to individual poets
- The Committee will remain anonymous until the process is completed
- The Committee reserves the right to ask for further information from the nominator and/or nominee
- The Committee will determine three finalists who may be asked to submit further work and who will be interviewed individually by the Committee

NOTIFICATION

The Poet Laureate will be announced in early March.

MARIN POET LAUREATE

2015-2017 APPLICATION FORM

POET LAUREATE NOMINEE

Type, or print clearly, all information. Deadline: February 1, 2015 postmark

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State CA Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

Email _____ Web site _____

Residence (if different from mailing address):

Street Address of Residence _____

City _____ State CA Zip _____

NOMINEE: Attach one page with a description as to how you would contribute/participate as Marin County Poet Laureate based on the position description and mission and goals of the program. Also attach your artistic resume listing any awards, publications, teaching positions and similar achievements.

POET LAUREATE NOMINATOR

Type, or print clearly, all information. Deadline: January 15, 2008 postmark

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State CA Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

Email _____ Web site _____

Residence (if different from mailing address):

Street Address of Residence _____

City _____ State CA Zip _____

NOMINATOR: Please attach a one page statement in support of the nominee based on the mission and goals of the program.

SIGNATURES

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

The Nominator may be an individual or a representative of a Marin cultural organization. Please refer to the Nomination Submission Instructions in the guidelines for detailed instructions on what to submit. If you have questions, contact Richard Brown, dick@wingspred.com. Nominations should be postmarked by February 1, 2015. Mail to: Poet Laureate Nominations, 4 Coronet Way, Kentfield, CA 94904