

“The Grant County Poets Society Project”

"AFTER THE RAIN" | A COLLECTION OF POEMS

Fusion Arts Alliance is providing a platform for local poets and literary writers who never have had a chance to have their works published. FFA is launching “The Grant County Poets Society Project” and will publish a book of 100 poems by Grant County residents, chosen by a juried panel to be published on the 2nd Friday of November 2020.

The published book will be entitled: “After the Rain | A Collection of Poems.” As Robert Frost once said about poetry, “it is a way of remembering that which it would impoverish us to forget.” Art awakens, enlarges, refines, and restores our humanity.

Submission Guidelines:

Submissions are currently open. To join this project, please review the guidelines below before sending in your information.

Eligibility:

- Grant County Poets Society Project is open to all poets / artists / residents of Grant County, Indiana
 - Who are members of Fusion Arts Alliance.
 - Who are Patrons of Fusion Arts Alliance (*Patreon Subscribers*)
 - FAA members & our Patrons do not need to pay entry fees.
- Interested Non-members will have to pay an Entry Fee of \$30.00
 - Entry fee can be waived by downloading our FAA Membership Form at www.fusionaa.org and become an official member of Fusion Arts Alliance
 - FAA Individual Annual Membership Fee: **\$25.00 only.**
Students Annual Membership Fee: **\$15.00 only.**
- If you are located outside of Grant County and would like to be part of this project
 - Kindly download our FAA Membership Form at www.fusionaa.org and become an official member of Fusion Arts Alliance.

Criteria:

- All poems must be in its entirety an original work by the person joining this project, written and completed within the past 2 years.
- *Plagiarism is a serious offense with serious consequences*
- All entries must not have been previously published in any media.
- Type of Poem: FREE VERSE
 - Free verse is exactly what its name implies.
 - There are no rules, and writers can do whatever they choose: to rhyme or not, to establish any rhythm.
 - Free verse is often used in contemporary poetry.

- There will be no theme for the submissions . . . but our book title “After The Rain” could give you some ideas to explore - we want you to follow your heart in writing your respective poems.
- A participant can submit a maximum of 3 entries but entry fees are paid only once.
- Entries to be published will be chosen by a juried panel of experienced authors/ writers based on poetic technique, effectiveness, style and creativity.
- There is no purchase of FAA merchandise on our on-line store required to be included in this book of poems.
- There will be no royalties paid to selected contributors for publication
- By submitting a poem to this project, you accept that your poem will appear online and in print.
- Fusions Arts Alliance reserve the right to publish or not to publish a poem for any reason.
- This publication will be copyrighted
- All individual poetry remains the property of the author.

Submission of Entries:

- Starts on May 1st 2020 – July 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST
- Drop off box:
 - Simply email entries to entries@fusionaa.org
 - *We will create a GMAIL GROUP for this project for easy communication*
 - *Questions about submissions can be addressed to info@fusionaa.org.*
- Submission should be:
 - One page only (*Letter 8.5" x 11" or 216 x 279 mm*)
 - Font type: *Times New Roman* | Size: *12 pt*
 - All poems must be written in English
 - Any entry containing cliché, overused phrases will not be accepted (*Examples: Roses are red, I love you, All work and no play, Time after time*)
 - Please do not use double-line spacing for your poems.
 - Poem must adhere to basic rules of capitalization:
 - Kindly do not type poem in all capital letters
 - Please do not capitalize the first letter of every word
 - Only capitalize words that are proper (*i.e. names and places*)
 - The first word of each line may be capitalized if it is done consistently throughout.
 - Please do not use “texting” lingo on your poems.
 - Properly spell out all words and numbers
 - Poems containing language that is vulgar, offensive, or wholly inappropriate will not be accepted.
 - Entries could be submitted on a *pdf or doc* extension file.
- There will be 2 versions of the book
 - Hard copy
 - e-book for download and on-line publishing
 - We will be utilizing some artworks of FAA members as background in some of our chosen poems.

Submission Materials:

Please include the following in your submission:

- Your name, current city, county and main art discipline
- If you are an estate submitting work on behalf of an artist / writer. Please include primary contact.
- A short bio 1 or 2 paragraphs (written in the third person)
- Artist Statement (optional)
- Headshot or professional photo (optional)
- Website URL and /or social media links
- Short statement of interest (*Why would you like to be part of this project?*)
- *How did you hear about Fusion Arts Alliance?*

Expectations:

- Participants are expected to be aligned with FAA's mission, vision & goals.
- If your submission has been chosen to be published you will be notified by e-mail and you are also expected to PRE-ORDER a discounted hard copy of the book: **"AFTER THE RAIN | A COLLECTION OF POEMS"**
- A contributor's discount of 10% will be given for pre-publication orders.
- If you are interested to have some extra hard copies - you have to inform FAA in advance for our publishing management. Email us at info@fusionaa.org.
- Participants are expected to join the Book Launch /Exhibition to be announced on a later date.

Send completed submissions to entries@fusionaa.org.

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