

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS:
2024 Southwest Michigan
Poetry Contest



OFFICIAL RULES

The 2024 Southwest Michigan Poetry Contest seeks creative writers to submit a short poem that represents and celebrates Southwest Michigan. Topics can include, but are not limited to, geographical features, industry, community, historical landmarks and events, favorite vacation locations, and seasonal change. For the purpose of this Contest, “Southwest Michigan” is defined as the counties of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren. One entry per contestant. Entries must be original and have been created in 2024.

Upon submission, the author grants all collaborating organizations the right to publish the submitted work for the purposes of promoting the contest and/or Southwest Michigan.

POEM PARAMETERS:

- 📌 Poem must be original
- 📌 Entry can be written in any poetic style
- 📌 Must represent & celebrate Southwest Michigan
- 📌 One poem per person
- 📌 Contest entry must be at least 3 lines but cannot exceed 12 lines

WHO CAN ENTER:

This contest is open to anyone who is a full-time or part-time resident of Southwest Michigan.

HOW TO ENTER:

Complete and email the Official Entry Form along with your poem to Info@northberrienhistory.org

DEADLINE:

Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

The Southwest Michigan Poetry Contest holds the right to disqualify any entry.



JUDGING:

Eligible poems will be judged by popular vote on the Museum’s Facebook page starting on Monday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday, April 28, 2024. A panel of judges will meet that same week to determine additional winners.

AWARDS:

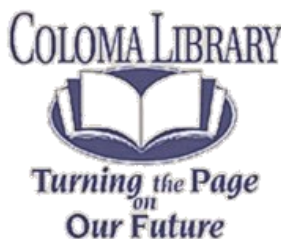
Winning entries for both Student & Adult categories will be announced on Monday, April 29 on Facebook.

Judges’ & People’s Choice

1st place for both the Student & Adult categories will receive a gift package courtesy of the Southwest Michigan Poetry Contest collaborators.

1st place entries and Honorable Mentions will be recognized online, in local newspapers, and in collaborating organizations’ newsletters. They will also receive a one-year membership to the North Berrien Historical Museum.

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