

Erie County Poet Laureate
2009–2010 Book Project

Call for Submissions

The Erie County Poet Laureate’s project for 2009-2010 is an anthology of poems and art by Erie County residents. Tentatively titled *Dwelling in Possibility: Voices of Erie County*, the poems will explore poetry’s capacity to shape and define experience, particularly challenging or difficult experiences. Frost described this characteristic of poetry as a “momentary stay against confusion.” The art and photography will depict the beauty of Erie County and the hearty spirit of its residents.

Guidelines for Poetry:

- Submit up to three poems that explore poetry’s capacity to shape and define experience. Poems may be inspired or informed by personal, familial, cultural, or historical experiences or observations. Each poem should be typed, single-spaced, in 12-point font, and totaling no more than two pages. There is no restriction on form.
- Poems must be the original work of the author, who must be a resident of Erie County, Pennsylvania. Poets under the age of 18 must include signed consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- Previously published poems will be considered only if the author owns the copyright. Previous publication must be acknowledged.
- The copyright of poems published in *Dwelling in Possibility: Voices of Erie County* will revert to each author following publication in spring 2010.
- Each poet must complete the required cover sheets and include them with the submission. The poet’s name and personal information should NOT appear on the manuscript itself. Submissions that do not adhere to this policy will be discarded unread. Poets should notify us about address or email changes that occur during the judging process.
- Each poet must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) for return of poems. Otherwise, submissions will be recycled.
- There is no submission fee. Poets whose work is published will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Hooked on Books! program at the Neighborhood Art House.

Guidelines for Art:

- Submit up to three artworks, including photography, paintings, sketches, or graphic art.
- Artwork must depict some aspect of Erie County and/or its residents. Artwork larger than 17” by 11” will not be accepted.

- Artwork must be the original work of the artist, who must be a resident of Erie County, Pennsylvania. Artists under the age of 18 must include signed consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- Previously published artwork will be considered only if the artist owns the copyright. Previous publication must be acknowledged.
- The copyright of artwork published in *Dwelling in Possibility: Voices of Erie County* will revert to each artist following publication in spring 2010.
- Each artist must complete the required cover sheets and attach them to the back of the artwork. Artists should notify us about address or email changes that occur during the judging process.
- If the artwork can be mailed, the artist should include an appropriately-sized stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) with the submission for its return. Otherwise, artists will be notified by phone or email of the date and location to pick up the artwork.
- There is no submission fee. Artists whose work is published will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Hooked on Books! program at the Neighborhood Art House.

When and Where to Submit :

- The deadline for poetry and art submissions is **January 8, 2010**.

Mail submissions to:

Berwyn Moore, Associate Professor
 Erie County Poetry Book Project
 109 University Square
 Gannon University
 Erie, PA 16541

Deliver submissions to:

Berwyn Moore, Associate Professor
 Erie County Poetry Book Project
 English Dept. / Palumbo 3227
 Peach and 8th Streets
 Gannon University
 Erie, PA 16541

Email Berwyn Moore at moore001@gannon.edu or call her at **871-7504** with questions.

Additional flyers and cover sheets may be downloaded from the Erie County Government web site:
<http://eriecountygov.org>.

Free Poetry Workshops:

Join Berwyn Moore and other poets for a discussion of poetic vision and craft on these days at Gannon University:

- Saturday, **September 26**, from 3 to 5, in Room 3200, Palumbo Center, Peach and 8th Streets
- Saturday, **October 10**, from 3 to 5, in Room 3200, Palumbo Center, Peach and 8th Streets
- Saturday, **November 7**, from 3 to 5, in Room 3200, Palumbo Center, Peach and 8th Streets

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Submission Cover Sheet

Poets and artists must include this completed two-page sheet with their submission.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Poets and artists must be residents of Erie County, PA.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle the type of submission:

POETRY

ART

Titles of entries:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Attach or write a brief biography of no more than 50 words. This information will be included in the book's Contributors' Notes.

If the work you are submitting has been published previously, enter complete bibliographic information here:

If the work you are submitting has been published previously, you must verify that you own the copyright.

I, _____, own the copyright to the above-mentioned work.

Signature: _____

If you are under 18 years old, you must have consent of a parent or legal guardian to submit your work.

My, son / daughter, _____, is in the ____ grade at _____
print name print name of school

School and has my permission to submit work to the 2009-2010 Erie County Poetry Book Project.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

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