Greetings Poets: January 4, 2019

The Virgin Valley Artists' Association announces its 2019 "Artists and Poets" Competition. You are invited to submit your original poetry to be considered as inspiration for artists in creating artwork for the Exhibition/Competition that runs April 1 through May 4, 2019. Your words have inspired wonderful artwork in past years, and we look forward to your new and exciting poetry in this exhibition.

<u>Awards - 2019</u>!: The exhibition pairs poetry with an artist's work. Awards are given to the works judged to best interpret the inspiration of the poem. A poem may be chosen by only one artist, and there is no limit on the number of poems an artist may select. The awards, with ribbons for each, are as follows:

Best of Show: \$100; First Place: \$50; Second Place: \$30; Third Place: \$20

Artist and Poet pairs named as winners *both* receive award money and ribbons. Additionally, "Honorable Mention", "People's Choice" and "Sponsor's Choice" ribbons will be given to winning artist/Poet pairs.

<u>Specifications</u>: Each Poet may enter a maximum of five (5) poems total, for which there is a nominal entry fee of \$5. Poems must be 24 lines or less, for clear display for Gallery viewers. Please submit new poetry that has not appeared in the show before, preferably written in the past two years. Copyrighting is the responsibility of the Poet. VVAA reserves the right to use reprints of poetry for publicity purposes, giving credit to the Poet, and to make a copy for any buyer who purchases the artwork that interpreted their poem, upon request.

Entry: Entry can be completed in 1 of 2 ways:

1. Mail or hand deliver printed paper entry form, attached, and entry fee of \$5 no later than Feb 9th.

Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, "2018 Artists and Poets"
15 W. Mesquite Blvd
Mesquite, NV 89027

2. Online entry is available at www.mesquitefineartscenter.com. Click on the 2019 Exhibitions Menu and click on the link provided. Once on the linked page, click the "Register Now" button on the screen and follow the prompts. No paper entry form is required if entering online.

Once entry is completed, poems can be sent electronically to vvarts@gmail.com with the subject line "2019 Poetry," or can be hand-delivered to the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery. Be sure to use the same poem(s) and title(s) used on the entry form on the poem(s) sent by email. Poems must be received no later than February 9, 2019. Artists then select from the poem(s) received and then create their artwork for the exhibition.

Selection of poem by an artist for participation in the competition cannot be guaranteed since there are usually many more poems than artists.

Thank you in advance for lending your creative words to VVAA's efforts in "Promoting the Power of the Arts." We look forward to receiving your poetry!



2018 Artists & Poets Exhibition

April 1 to May 4, 2019

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Poets Entry Form

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(Poets under age 18 must have parent or guardian signature for entry) Poet Name Address Phone____ **Email** Submit prior to or with Poetry. Entry fee is \$5. A copy of a poem may be given with art work to buyers, in cases where they would like a copy. If the poem is copyrighted, please indicate that on each poem. Total limit is five poems per individual poet. Poetry may be be emailed to vvarts@gmail.com, with subject line of "2019 Poetry," or hand-delivered to the Gallery. Poem Title(s) (Limit of 5 Entries) Copyright? Yes / No 1 2 3 4 I agree to indemnify and defend the City of Mesquite, Virgin Valley Artists Association and their officials, employees and volunteers against and hold them harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages and liability for damages arising out of or resulting from the poet's participation in this event. My poetry is original and does not violate U.S. copyright laws. I agree to allow VVAA to use reprints of my work for publicity purposes or to give to buyers of artwork. Poets are responsible for copyrighting their own work. By signing below, I agree to all provisions set forth in this form. Sianature (Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age) For office use only **Publicity:** Photos of artwork are often used Total entry payment verified \$_____ for publicity. If you **do not** wish to allow VVAA to use your artwork for this purpose. Vendor #

initial here: _____.