

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS:
2021 Southwest Michigan
Poetry Contest



OFFICIAL RULES

The North Berrien Historical Museum and the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council are seeking 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. Only one entry per contestant. Entries must be original and have been created in 2021.

Upon submission, poets forfeit publishing rights to the North Berrien Historical Museum and the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council.



POEM PARAMETERS:

- ❖ Poem must be original
- ❖ Entry can be written in any poetic style
- ❖ Must represent & celebrate Southwest Michigan
- ❖ Only one poem per person
- ❖ Contest entry must be at least 3 lines but cannot exceed 15 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 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

JUDGING:

Eligible poems will be judged by popular vote on the Museum's Facebook page. Voting will begin on Monday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

REWARDS:

Winning entries for both Student & Adult categories will be announced on Tuesday, May 4

People's Choice

1st place for both the Student & Adult categories will receive printed letterpress stationery of their creation, a one-year membership to the North Berrien Historical Museum, a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council, and have their poem published in co-hosting organizations' newsletters.

Honorable Mention

2nd place for both categories will receive a one-year membership to the North Berrien Historical Museum and a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council.

The North Berrien Historical Museum & Southwest Michigan Tourist Council hold the right to disqualify any entry.



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