

CALLING ALL POETS!

Submit your poems to the Nanaimo Poetry Map

The Nanaimo Poetry Map is a way to rethink and re-know your city. A map, generally speaking, imposes a system of knowledge upon a place as it shows the official names of streets and buildings and basically assists the reader to find a particular location. Nanaimo's poetry map will be different. This map is intended to encourage the reader to explore the city through poetry, to understand the experiences within it differently because of the poems.

Poets will contribute works that are in some way related to a particular point on the map or site in the city. The poems are not intended to be descriptions of a place rather they are impressions of place. A pair of anonymous poet judges will look through the submissions and choose one poem each month that is focused on definite Nanaimo places for the poetry map.

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The rules are simple:

1. You are a resident of the Greater Nanaimo area.
2. The poem should be solely written by you (If your poem is selected you will be asked to sign a declaration that the poem is your work alone and that you have the rights to it. Submissions from people under 18 will require a parent's signature.).
3. The poem must be about a specific place in Nanaimo and no more than 30 lines (200 words).
4. The poems can be touching, funny, insightful, biting witty, or angry – but will not be considered if they contain obscenities or promote hatred or prejudice.
5. E-mail two copies of your poem as pdf attachments (in Times New Roman, 12 point). One pdf attachment should have your name, address, e-mail, and phone # written above the poem; the other attachment should contain only the poem.
6. Send your poems to callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca with the words "poetry map submission" in the subject line.
7. There is no deadline, so just keep those Nanaimo poems coming in whenever creativity strikes.
8. Be sure to check that the place on the map you intend to write a poem for doesn't already have a poem selected for it.
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We thank all poets in advance for their submissions, but only those poets whose poems have been selected will be contacted. Keep a copy of your submission as it will not be returned to you.

So, calling all Nanaimo poets! Let's celebrate poetry. Let's hear your voices. Get creative about Nanaimo and send us your results.

Questions? Contact callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca for more information.