

MALAD VALLEY WELSH FESTIVAL – 2019

Guidelines for Adult Poetry Competition

Theme: “Gratitude” Deadline: June 1, 2019

Language: English Length: up to 60 lines

Submission Format: All poems must be written or typed on only one side of each page.
No poems written or typed back-to-back will be accepted.

Number of Poems:

Each person may submit up to 3 poems in any style or format. ALL poets will be invited to read one of their poems at the Welsh Festival; judges will determine the poem to be read and poets will be notified prior to the Festival.

Pseudonym:

All poems must be submitted under a pseudonym chosen by the poet. All poems by one author must be submitted under the same pseudonym. The pseudonym must appear on all pages of all poems. (Real name of poet is not to appear on any page of any poem.) The poet’s real name appears only on the cover page for each poem.

Winners:

Winning poets will be selected based on the quality of their written poems. Five winning poets will be selected. **The top winner will be named “Bard of the Welsh Festival” and MUST BE PRESENT and read his or her poem at the Festival in order to win.** The other four winners should be present and read their poems but can receive prizes if not present.

A winning Bard must wait two years after winning the top prize to enter the competition again.

Prizes:

The “Bard of the Welsh Festival” will be seated in the Welsh Festival Bard’s Chair and will preside over the finale program of the 2019 Festival and over the opening ceremony of the 2020 Festival. His or her name will be engraved on a plaque accompanying the Welsh Festival Bard’s Chair. The chair and plaque will be displayed at all future Festivals. All five winning poets will receive certificates and cash prizes.

Please submit your entries to Mary Alice Telford, Chair of Malad Valley Welsh Festival Adult Poetry Competition, P.O. Box 79, Malad, ID 83252

Contact: Mary Alice Telford, 208-431-2683, maryalicet2014@gmail.com.

Winners will be determined by a panel of past winners, retired and current English teachers, and representatives of the Malad Valley Welsh Festival.

EVERY poem must be submitted with a completed copy of the following cover page attached to it (not one cover page per poet). The cover pages will be torn off prior to the poems being given to the judges so that judging will be anonymous. Only pseudonyms will be seen by the judges.

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Cover Page for Adult Poems

Poet's Name (first and last) _____

Poet's Pseudonym _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address (if available) _____

Incomplete cover page will result in the poem being disqualified from the competition.