

Worcester County Poetry Association
Annual Contest
The Frank O'Hara Prize

Deadline April 1, 2017 • Lori Desrosiers, Judge



CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Poems must be the original work of the entrant, in English, and not previously published.
- Submit no more than THREE (3) poems.
- Mailed poems must be printed on 8½" x 11" white paper. Clean, clear photocopies are acceptable.
- Do not put your name on the individual poems.
- Include a cover sheet with your name, address, telephone number, and the title of each poem.
- Submissions should not be stapled or attached.
- Mail entry to PO Box 804, Worcester, MA 01613.
- Do not e-mail. For on-line submissions see WCPA website (*worcestercountypoetry.org*).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Residents of Worcester County or
- WCPA Members in good standing or
- Students or employees of institutions within Worcester County.
- First Place winners of previous WCPA annual poetry contests are not eligible.

ENTRY FEE

- THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR WCPA MEMBERS.
- You may join the WCPA or renew your membership with your entry: \$30 Individual Membership, \$12 Students/Elders/Low Income Membership. See our website (*worcestercountypoetry.org*) for additional categories and other membership benefits.
- Non-WCPA members: \$8.00 — checks payable to: Worcester County Poetry Association.

JUDGING & AWARDS

- First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50, Third Place: \$25
- Winning poems published in *The Worcester Review*, after which all rights revert to poet.
- Contest winners announced June 2017.
- Winners' Reading & Award Reception to be held September 2017.
- Submissions will not be returned. Entrants who wish to be notified of contest results must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their entry.
- WCPA Poetry Contest does not pre-select poems: all entries are seen by the contest judge.