

## Adult & Junior Department

# CREATIVE WRITING

**Coordinator:** **Charlie Barboni**, Fair Office

**Judges:** **Bob Beaumont**, Oakland, Published Haikuist

**Jay Gamel**, Kenwood, Freelance Writer and Editor Kenwood Press

**Lauren Howard**, Kentfield, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts Teacher

**Terry Lucas**, Mill Valley, Marin County Poet Laureate

**Penn Mullin**, San Rafael, Author of Children's Books & Teacher of Creative Writing

### Timeline & Rules

**Exhibits Received** → **New!** Entries must be delivered to Fair Office between Monday, May 11 & Friday, May 15 either via mail or in person (9:30 am – 4:30 pm)

**To Enter:** either **Register Online** at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org) before delivering entry or include a paper **Entry Form** with your submission.

*2020 Registration Fee: \$1 per person online, \$2 per person via paper form*

For an instructor or teacher entering entries for a classroom or group, please email [exhibits@marincounty.org](mailto:exhibits@marincounty.org) to receive a Group Entry Form.

**Entry Limit** → Two Entries per Exhibitor per Class  
3,000 word limit per entry (unless otherwise specified)

**Entry Fee** → **Adult:** \$5 per entry  
**Junior:** None

**Exhibits Released** → **Tuesday, July 7, 12 Noon to 7 pm, Exhibit Hall**  
Mailed entries will be delivered to USPS on Friday, July 10 \*

1. Entries MUST BE ORIGINAL and will be judged on originality, form, structure, and neatness.
2. Entries must be neatly mounted on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper or card stock or in a folder made for 8 1/2" x 11" paper (which may or may not be used in display & are not guaranteed to be returned). The majority of Junior Creative Writing entries will be hole-punched and displayed in binders.
3. Only the title may appear on front of entry. No names, grades, comments by instructors, etc. may be included on front.
4. Include name, phone number, and Division & Class numbers **on back** of entry. (If entry is submitted in a folder, label both the back of the folder and the back of the entry itself.)
  - Entries being submitted by teachers for their students should also include teacher/classroom name and school on back of entries. Teachers should fill out a Group Entry Form in lieu of individual Entry Forms for each student, & the registration fees may be waived (email [exhibits@marincounty.org](mailto:exhibits@marincounty.org) for details).
5. \* Entries will not be mailed back unless an envelope with prepaid postage is included with delivered entry.

## **Division 62 Creative Writing – Adult Division**

**Entry Fee – \$5 per entry**

### **Class**

**Entries must be original.**

- 1 **New!** Poetry, *Soaring*
- 2 Poetry, any other
- 3 **New!** Poetry, Haiku, *Soaring*
- 4 Poetry, Haiku, any other
- 5 Short Story, 500 words or more
- 6 **New!** Short Story, *Animal Antics*
- 7 Short Essay or Biography, developing one topic creatively
- 8 Memoir, a collection of memories from your life
- 9 Short story for children, illustrated, up to 1,000 words
- 10 **New!** *Soaring* – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story
- 11 **New!** *Original Song Lyrics*
- 12 *My Pet* – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story about your pet(s)

### **Danish System of Judging - Awards Offered per Class**

1st through 5th Place and Honorable Mention – Ribbons

**Best of Class – \$25 & Rosette Ribbon (one per class)**

**Best Short Story & Best Memoir** *Cash prizes courtesy of ~*

**Char Bishop Memorial Award, from her family**

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## Creative Writing – Junior Divisions

**No Entry Fee**

**3,000 word limit per entry (unless otherwise specified)**

**Division 355 5 through 8 Years**

**Division 356 9 through 12 Years**

**Division 357 13 through 15 Years**

**Division 358 16 through 18 Years**

**Note:** *Be sure to enter the appropriate division for your age.*

### **Class (For all four Junior Creative Writing Divisions above)**

- 1 Character Sketch or Short Biography of someone you know
- 2 **New!** *Original Song Lyrics*
- 3 Poetry, Haiku
- 4 Poetry, any other theme
- 5 **New!** Short Story, *Animal Antics!*
- 6 Short Play or Skit
- 7 Short Story for Children, illustrated, fewer than 500 words
- 8 Short Story or Essay, any other topic
- 9 My Pet – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story about your pet(s)
- 10 **New!** *Soaring* – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story

### **Danish System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class at discretion of the Judges**

1st Place – Ribbon ● 2nd Place – Ribbon ● 3rd Place – Ribbon

**Best of Class – Award Sign & Rosette Ribbon**  
**(One may be awarded in each class)**

**Best of Show – \$25 (one per age group)**

**Char Bishop Memorial Award, from her family**

Special Awards for Junior Creative Writing:

**Best of Class – Poetry, any other, 16-18 years – \$50**

*Courtesy of ~* **Marin Poetry Center, San Rafael**

**Best of Class – Poetry, Haiku, 16-18 years – \$50**

*Courtesy of ~* **Sixteen Rivers Press, San Francisco**

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