

The mission of NeWP is to improve writing and the teaching of writing throughout Nebraska.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
POETRY OF PLACE
CELEBRATION 2021

**OPEN TO GRADES
1-5, 6-8, 9-12**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
April 2nd, 2021

POETRY READING: **May 7th, 2021**
NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL

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Please join the Nebraska Writing Project in a poetry event that reflects life in Nebraska. The purpose of this program is to encourage Nebraska students to write poetry about place and to make that poetry more visible.

THE PROCESS

All Nebraska students, grades one through twelve, are encouraged to submit an original poem, reflective of that student's 'place' to their teacher.

Teachers will forward up to 12 poems per school (4 each from three grade divisions, 1-5, 6-8, 9-12) to the Nebraska Writing Project (NeWP) at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Nebraska poets Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason will read the poems and, based on quality and their representation of Nebraska place in rural, urban, and suburban settings, choose 9 to 12 poems statewide, to be published on the Nebraska Writing Project website. Also, selected student poets will be invited to read their work at various venues around Nebraska, as well as the *Poetry of Place Celebration* on May 7th, 2021 in the Warner Chambers at the State Capitol in Lincoln, alongside Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.

THE POETRY OF PLACE CELEBRATION

Event Guidelines can also be found at: <http://www.unl.edu/newp/poetry-of-place>. Please review carefully, as *only complete submissions will be considered.*

Teachers:

- Coordinate within your school to select no more than 12 student poems per school-- four poems from each of three grade divisions (1-5, 6-8, 9-12).
- *Email selected student poems (labeled with student grade and poem title), cover letter and signed parent permission form to: poetryofplace2021@gmail.com*
- "Poetry of Place Permission and Release Form" can be found at: <http://www.unl.edu/newp/poetry-of-place>.
- Teachers will be notified via email when all materials are received and when final selections are made (by April 26th). Selected poets will be notified via US mail.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 2nd, 2021:** Deadline for receipt of materials at UNL. *Late entries will not be considered.*
- **April 26th, 2021:** Notification of results: selected poets/ teachers via mail, others via email.
- **May 7th, 2021:** Poetry reading at Nebraska State Capitol with Nebraska poets Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.

NOTE: If State, Local or University restrictions are imposed on gathering for the Poetry of Place Celebration due to the Covid-19 virus, the event will be held virtually, and details will be provided when they are finalized.