

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND WRITING CONTESTS: 2023

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## WRITING CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

*(Contestants should contact their District's Contest Chair for the District Deadlines)*

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### RULES FOR WRITING CONTEST:

- Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC Club.
  - Exception: see Youth Categories below;
- Authors must be amateurs (earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually);
- Entries must be written between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2023;
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission (additional forms required for youth entries).
- There are two categories:
  - Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
  - Poetry: entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines, and a maximum of 50 lines.
- One entry per member per category.
- Entries must be:
  - Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only.
  - Have minimum margins of one inch on all four sides.
  - On 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page:
  - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number.
  - Club Name, District, Area, and State of the sponsoring club.
  - Category.
  - Title of Work.
- See below for Youth Categories.



### YOUTH CATEGORIES:

- While CFWC will not be judging this category at the state level, CFWC will submit District first place student writing entries to GFWC (international). Same Rules apply (as above).
- **FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18: A SIGNED MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM AND a MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH ENTRY**, in addition to the Creative Arts Waiver.
- For young students ranging from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The four youth categories are:
  - Category 1: Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade
  - Category 2: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade
  - Category 3: Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade
  - Category 4: Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grade

**DISCLAIMER:**

- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.
- By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

**DISTRICT WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Writing Contest Packet (mid-Sept to mid-Oct)
- Encourage your entire District to participate and distribute info. to all club presidents and their respective Photography/Writing chairs.
- Collect all writing entries and submit with all required documents per instructions.
- **Send all 1<sup>st</sup> place Writing winners in your district to Olma M. O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at 1469 Bellevue Avenue, Apt. 405, Burlingame CA 94010. DUE TO CFWC BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**