



The Pacific Northwest Senior Writer's Showcase

Writing Contest for Seniors 55+

Rules and Judging Criteria

In celebration of the Franke Tobey Jones Centennial this year, we are proud to announce the first ever Pacific Northwest Senior Writer's Showcase as part of Franke Tobey Jones Senior University.

Topic

The story/poem/essay must relate in some way to the theme "home."

General

The contest is open to prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction.

The story/poem/essay must be your original idea and work.

The contest is open to anyone 55 years of age or better.

Submission indicates acceptance of the Contest Rules as outlined below.

Word Limits

The submission cannot be longer than 1500 words.

Incorrectly hyphenated words will be counted as two words. Examples: old-man, hot-fire.

Numerals will be considered a word.

The title is not included in the word limit.

Prizes

1st Prize (Best of Contest) \$350

2nd Prize (Best of Topic) \$200

3rd Prize \$100

3 Juror's Picks awarded at \$50 each

Entry Fees

\$20 for up to 2 pieces

\$20 more for any additional submissions up to 2 pieces per entry

Deadline

April 28, 2024

Formatting Requirements

1-inch margins, Arial font, 12 pt., double spaced.

The story/poem/essay must be in pdf format.

Do not include your name or email address on the pdf copy submitted.

Submitting Your Story

Visit our website at <https://www.franketobeyjones.com/community/events/pnsws/>.

Communications

We will communicate with you through email.

Our email address is pacificnorthwestseniorwriters@gmail.com.

Please remember to check your spam folder.

Judging Criteria

Does the story/poem/essay address the topic in an imaginative, creative, or unexpected way?

Does the story/poem/essay contain the selected theme or idea?

Does the quality of the writing enhance the story/poem/essay?

Is the story/poem/essay compelling?

Did it have a memorable impact on the reader?

Judging Mechanics

Judging will be blind.

The judges' decisions are final.

Publication

Franke Tobey Jones will publish the chosen story/poem/essay in a printed book.

Authors agree Franke Tobey Jones may publish the story/poem/essay.

Authors agree Franke Tobey Jones may have you read the story/poem/essay s at a public event.

Authors agree that the top 3 contest winners will have their pieces posted on the Franke Tobey Jones website.

Authors will be given one free copy of the book, but additional copies will need to be purchased.

Authors agree to the sale of the completed book to help offset the cost of the printing.

Copyright

The author retains copyright to the work.

Notification to Authors

Contest participants will be notified of the results in early July 2024.

The 6 authors chosen to receive prizes will be asked to read their pieces at an event on October 30, 2024, taking place between 5:00 – 7:00 pm. At that time, the winners will learn which prize they received.

All authors are encouraged to come to the event and all published authors will be given a copy of the completed book at that time.