

2024 Voices of Peace Poetry Contest

29th year of Peace Poetry by student & adult poets of Cape Cod & The Islands

Cape Cod Veterans For Peace

Corporal Jeffrey M. Lucey Chapter 041

Closing Date, Friday, March 29

The 2024 Voices of Peace poetry contest is open to all Cape & Islands poets. Winners will be selected in 14 categories; grades K-12 and adults.

Each contestant may **submit only one poem**, no more than 50 lines, rhymed or free verse. Poems can be hand-written or composed on a computer. Keep poems to one 8 1/2 x 11 vertical page.

The preferred submission format is a PDF file attached to an email sent to **teppernina2@gmail.com**, with the subject line: VFP Poetry Contest.

Poem submission format. (see example at right.)

At the top of the page: poem title, author's name, teacher's name, school name, and grade.

At the bottom of page include: author's name, poem title, grade, name of school, town, and teacher's name. Include your mailing address, phone number, and email. (This information will not be published, but we need it to contact the winners.)

CLOSING DATE: All entries must be received (not just postmarked) **by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2024.**

All winners receive a certificate, a published book, and are invited to read their poem at a public gathering at South Congregational Church, Centerville, at **10 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2024.** In addition, first honors poets will receive a cash prize of \$25 and second honors poets \$15. The poetry books from past year's poetry contests are available to view on our website: vfpcapcod.org.

Proper Poem Format

Poem Title

Student Name

Teacher's Name, School Name, and Grade

Poems should focus

- a) on thoughts of peace and the abolition of war, hate, or violence;
- b) on what I can do to help make a peaceful world for all;
- c) on some of the ways war can be avoided;
- d) on inner peace: how we become peaceful within ourselves so we can face the "other person" with mercy and forgiveness;
- e) on examples of nonviolent attitudes and actions that lead to friendship, negotiation, social justice, and peace.

Author's name, poem title, grade, name of school, town, teacher's name, your address phone number, and email address.

Mailed entries should be sent to:
Veterans for Peace, c/o Duke Ellis,
45 Sassafras Lane, Marstons Mills, MA 02648

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