

april is national poetry month

Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel Poetry Contest



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About Wilma:

Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel (1918-2007) was born near Stroud and attended schools in Creek County. Daughter of a sharecropper and homemaker, Wilma was "wrenched" from Oklahoma at 17 years of age when her family migrated to California's Central Valley in 1936.

She began writing poetry at a young age but did not share her writing until she was in her 50s. She published over 50 chapbooks of poetry and prose. Her free verse poetry was written in everyday language that expressed her feelings about her childhood in Oklahoma, her experiences of leaving and settling in a new place, and her observations of everyday life.

Read more about Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel through the Oklahoma State University Library: <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/mcdaniel>

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Oklahoma State University Library; Lincoln County Museum of Pioneer History; Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma; OSU Emerita Librarian Jill Holmes (in honor of Joy Harjo who was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Mvskoke Nation and an award-winning poet and musician); the late Jim Chlebda and Back40 Publishing; the Chlebda and Coghill Families; Stroud Public Library (a national Literary Landmark in honor of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel); Chandler Public Library; Friends of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel; and Don and Sally Ferrell.

1st Place \$150 - 2nd Place \$100 - 3rd Place \$50
10 Honorable Mention Awards of \$20 each

Deadline:

Entries must be received before April 19, 2017.

Winners will be notified by April 22, 2017.

Awards and Readings:

Sunday, April 30, 2:30 p.m.

Lincoln County Museum of Pioneer History, 717 Manvel Ave.,
Chandler, OK 74834.

Guidelines:

- ▶ Eligible for entry: Rural high school & homeschool students (9th - 12th grades) in Lincoln and Creek Counties (Schools: Agra, Bristow, Carney, Chandler, Davenport, Depew, Drumright, Kellyville, Kiefer, Mannford, Meeker, Mounds, Oilton, Prague, Stroud, and Wellston).
- ▶ Limit 3 poems per student (up to 100 lines each).
- ▶ All entries must be the original work of the student and neatly typed.
- ▶ Provide cover page for each poem with this information:
1) Student's first and last name 2) Phone number, email and mailing address 3) School 4) Grade classification 5) Teacher name and email
- ▶ Poetry judging will include themes of everyday life in Oklahoma and descriptive style. Winners will be asked to share their poem at the awards ceremony.

Submit entries:

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