

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 2012**

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

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MARCH 26, 2012**

**POETRY READING: MAY 4th, 2012
NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL**

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THE POETRY OF PLACE CELEBRATION

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 students grades one through twelve, in NSAA classified A, B, C and D schools, are encouraged to submit an original poem, reflective of that student's 'place' to their teacher.

Participating teachers will select up to four poems, from each of three grade divisions (1-5, 6-8, 9-12)-- up to 12 poems per school. Poems will be forwarded 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, will make the final selection. They will choose 9 to 12 poems to be published on the Nebraska Writing Project website.

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 4th, 2012 at the State Capitol in Lincoln, alongside Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.



Event Guidelines: Please review carefully, as *submissions not following guidelines cannot be considered*. Please designate one contact person per school to *submit all materials and to receive notifications*.

- Send no more than 12 poems per school, 4 per age division.
- Each poem must be titled, *without author's name, and in doc format (not pdf)*.
- Each poem must be accompanied by a cover letter (doc or pdf).
- Entries and cover letters must be submitted via email (as attachments, not embedded) to: 2012PoetryOfPlace@gmail.com
- *Signed parent/guardian permission* forms may be emailed (scanned) to the above email, OR posted to: 2012 Poetry of Place
c/o Robert Brooke
202 Andrews Hall
P.O. Box 68588-0333
- All *forms* are available on the NeWP website: www.unl.edu/newp click on "2012 Poetry of Place"

Contact persons will be notified via email when all materials are received

Additional Teacher Resources are available on-line: www.unl.edu/newp click on "2012 Poetry of Place"

- Encouraging Student Writing about Place
- Books and Other Resources for Poets and Teachers

IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 26th, 2012:** Deadline for receipt of materials at UNL. *Late entries will not be considered.*
- **April 23rd, 2012:** Notification of results: selected poets/ teachers via mail, others via email.
- **May 4th, 2012:** Poetry reading at Nebraska State Capitol with Nebraska poets Twyla Hansen and Matt Mason.