



Penned by Lantern Light

Submission Guidelines

November 27, 2019

WHEN TO SUBMIT: Poems may be submitted at any time. However, if you wish to target a particular issue of *The Western Way*, submission deadlines for “Penned by Lantern Light” are the first of the month before the target *The Western Way* deadline. Submissions that miss the deadline will be rolled over to the next issue and be reviewed with new submissions for that issue. Deadlines for submission along with *The Western Way* deadlines are given below.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

Western Way Issue	Penned By Lantern Light Deadline
Winter	1 November
Spring	1 February
Summer	1 May
Fall	1 August

WHERE TO SUBMIT: Please submit poems online via email in WORD or TXT format to the current president of the Western Wordsmiths Chapter.

SUBJECT LINE: Please include "LANTERN LIGHT" in the subject line of your email.

LENGTH: poems may not exceed 500 words due to space limitations in *The Western Way*.

NUMBER OF POEMS: Please submit no more than two poems. If more than two poems are submitted, the extras will be rolled over on a last-in-first-out (LIFO) basis for consideration for publication in the next issue of *The Western Way*.

REVIEWERS: Where possible, review of submitted poems will be done by an independent panel of Wordsmith poets who shall remain anonymous. If no panel is possible, review will be conducted by the Wordsmiths Board of Directors. Feedback on submitted poems may be requested, but will be at the discretion of the reviewers.

REVIEW CRITERIA: Poems should generally follow the same rules as for the poetry contest except those rules pertaining to recitation. See the rules below. We added the last item about "Taste" to remind you that your poem, if selected, will appear in print, and should be in good taste.

- Rhyme (Avoiding slant rhymes)
- Meter (Adherence to uniform metrical pattern)
- Form (Uniformity of verse; consistent rhyming patterns)
- Theme (Appropriate Western theme, regardless of era)
- Value (Ethical, moral, principled)
- Taste (avoidance of offensive language or suggestive topics)

ANONYMITY for REVIEW - Poems will be distributed to the reviewers in alphabetical order by title with the author's name removed to insure anonymity during review. The selected poem will be published in *The Western Way* consistent with the policy of *The Western Way*, with the original poem as submitted intact, including any copyright information.

SELECTION POLICY: We especially encourage "first-timers" to submit their poems for publication consideration. Those who have published previously in "Penned by Lantern Light" are also encouraged to submit, however, priority will be given to those not previously published, and in the event a suitable poem is not be found among first-time submissions, poems submitted by previously published authors will be considered. Regardless of prior publication status, an author who has not published for at least two years will be considered along with the first-time submissions.

AUTOMATIC SELECTION: The winner of the fall Poetry Contest will have his or her poem automatically submitted to "Penned by Lantern Light" for the Spring issue of *The Western Way*. The purpose of the automatic selection is to show Western Wordsmith members the quality of a winning poem so that they may craft their poems accordingly.

BIO and PHOTO – If your poem is selected for publication, you will be asked to submit a bio sketch and a photo. Bios should be limited to no more than 100 words. Pics should be about 1"x 1.5".

COPYRIGHT - For purposes of review and to insure anonymity, copyright information will be replaced with a notice to reviewers:

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