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• Provided by SCCC/ATS   Entry deadlines April 10 and 11 Area residents ages 14 and older are invited to enter a poetry contest sponsored by the English Department at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. Cash and other prizes will be awarded, and the winners will read their poems at the Poetry Coffee House on April 18 at SCCC/ATS.

The judge for this year's contest is Michael Shewmaker of Lubbock, Texas, a published poet who was recently awarded a prestigious Stegner Fellowship by Stanford University. Shewmaker is currently a PhD student in creative writing and part-time graduate instructor at Texas Tech University. He has poems published or forthcoming in The Southwest Review, The Dark Horse, and The Southern Poetry Anthology.

The open category contest is for anyone ages 14 through adult who lives in Seward County or a bordering county. The contest also features a scholarship category, open to high school juniors and seniors.

Each contestant may submit up to three poems, and there is no entry fee. Poems will be judged anonymously by Shewmaker and winners will be announced at the April 18 Poetry Coffeehouse, which is open to the public.

Prizes in the open category are $25 in cash and other prizes for first place; $15 in cash and other prizes for second; and $10 in cash and other prizes for third. In addition, the judge may select honorable mention recipients, who will receive certificates and be invited to read at the Poetry Coffee House.

In the scholarship category, first place will receive a $100 scholarship to SCCC/ATS, $25 in cash, and other prizes. Second place will be awarded a $100 scholarship, $15 in cash, and other prizes. Third prize is $15 in cash, plus other prizes.

The contest and Poetry Coffee House are taking place in conjunction with National Poetry Month in April.

Entries will be judged on originality, quality, skillful use of language and poetic devices, and freedom from errors. Entries may be hand-delivered to SCCC/ATS, mailed, or emailed. An official entry form must accompany each submission. Complete rules and an entry form are available on the college web site at www.sccc.edu. (On the home page under SCCC News and Events, click on Poetry Contest.) Rules and entry forms may also be picked up in the Humanities Office at SCCC/ATS.

The postmark deadline to enter is April 10. The deadline for emailed and hand-delivered entries is April 11.

For more information, or to request an entry form and a complete list of the rules, contact Janice Northerns at 620-417-1456 or jnorth@swko.net.

SCCC/ATS to host Poetry Coffeehouse April 18

Don't miss this year's Poetry Coffeehouse April 18 at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. Winners of two poetry contests will be announced and will read their poetry. Students who have poems appearing in the upcoming Telolith, SCCC/ATS's creative writing/art magazine, will also read. Gourmet coffees, finger foods, and live music will provide a relaxing atmosphere.   The Coffee House/Poetry Reading is set for 7 p.m. April 18 in the music wing of the Shank Humanities Building on the main SCCC/ATS campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Terri Barnes at 620-417-1451.

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