

**ARTS In Focus**

**Announces the 2012**

***In My Words Annual Poetry Competition***

The contest is open to all BCTC students and to all BCTC employees both full and part time. There will be **two entry categories**, one for **students** and one for **faculty/staff**. Poetry must be submitted by **March 9, 2012**.

A price of **\$150.00** will be given to the winning poems (one prize for a student and one prize for a faculty/staff) with publication and special recognition in the spring edition of the college literary journal, the ***Accolade***.

All entries must be an **unpublished poem**. Previous winners of the *In My Words Poetry Competition* are **not** eligible to enter.

**JUDGE: Leatha Kendrick**  
**Kentucky poet**

Leatha is the author of 3 volumes of poetry. She is co-editor of *Crossing Troublesome, Twenty-five Years of the Appalachian Writers Workshop* and is a two time recipient of the Al Smith Fellowship in Poetry from the Kentucky Arts Council.

**GUIDELINES:**

■ **Submit in an email up to three poems of any style or subject, by March 9, 2012.**

\*A **\$5.00 entry fee** is required.

Please send **fee** to

**Teresa Tope, BCTC, Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way, Lexington, KY 40511**

**Or drop by the Leestown Campus Building C, room 118.**

**Cash in the correct amount is accepted, or a check made payable to BCTC Foundation**

All entries should be typewritten in **Times New Roman** or **Arial font** with a font size of **12**. Include a cover page with the following information:

✓**Poet's name**

✓**Entry Category (student or faculty/staff)**

✓**Email address and phone #**

✓**The title of the poem(s) in the order they are submitted**

✓**A short one paragraph biography**

Poetry should follow the cover page. The poet's name should never appear on the actual poems that are being submitted:

\***Submission must be emailed to [Teresa.tope@kctcs.edu](mailto:Teresa.tope@kctcs.edu) and must be received by March 9, 2012.**

**Please place the words "poetry contest" in the subject line of the email.**

## **Judging Criteria for In My Words Poetry Contest**

Poetry for the “in My Words” poetry contest will be accepted and judged in two categories. Any style of poetry is open for consideration- free verse, haiku, rhyme, etc. Judging will be based upon the following:

- Over-all impact- the ability for the poem to etch itself into your memory
- Beauty- colorful and descriptive use of language
- Power- the ability for the poem to move you/stir you
- Entertainment- does the poem have entertainment value
- Technical Excellence- contains no grammatical errors, misspelled words, etc
- Organization- structure of how the thoughts are presented
- Assonance and Alliteration- use of word sounds that create a mood
- Form and flow- shape the poem takes on paper

Good Luck!