

# NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES – August 30 – September 3, 2023 – Lincoln, NE

## POETRY COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS – WELSH LANGUAGE POEM & ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM

Two poetry composition competitions invite submissions of original poetry in either of two categories: **Welsh Language Poem** and **English Language Poem**. Each competition offers a single grand prize of US\$250, the David Llewelyn Williams Prize, sponsored in 2023 by Robert Dayton, Patricia Morris and the Calgary Welsh Society.

The prizes honor David Llewelyn Williams of Vancouver, BC, Canada (1937-2021), a great friend and former Trustee of the North American Festival of Wales and a longtime member of its Eisteddfod Committee. Originally from Prestatyn, Wales, he was highly knowledgeable of Welsh poets and poetry, and entered and adjudicated numerous competitions (composition and recitation) in North America and Wales alike. He was highly instrumental and influential in establishing these very competitions.

There are no age or geographic restrictions for entering, and entrants do not need to be present at the 2023 NAFOW (Aug. 30 – Sept. 3, Lincoln, NE, PA). Also, it is permissible for anyone to enter **either or both** of the two competitions, with a maximum of **one poem per competition**.

## WELSH LANGUAGE POEM AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM COMPETITIONS – PARTICULARS

- For both competitions, we invite submissions of an original poem written to the following constraints:
  - Written to a theme of **“Roots / Gwreiddiau”**.
  - Anywhere from a minimum of 8 lines to a maximum of 24 lines. The poem may be divided into stanzas, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - The poem can include a title, or not, at the entrant’s discretion. If included, a title does not count toward the number of lines just noted.
  - No restrictions on meter.
  - Rhyming is unspecified; it can be done, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - For **English Language Poem** (uniquely), there must also be some relevance to Wales and/or Welsh history or culture.
- **The submitted poem must be the entrant's own work.** Any poem found to be copied or plagiarized will immediately be disqualified.
- **The deadline for entering is July 30, 2023.** There is no entry fee for these competitions.
- **Submissions are accepted via email only.** Please carefully review the related instructions, on p. 2.
- As with similar competitions in Wales, anonymity is maintained during the adjudication process; related procedures are discussed on p. 2.
- The Welsh Language Poem adjudicators will be Menna Elfyn and Eurig Salisbury, and the English Language Poem adjudicators will be Robert Dayton and Pat Edwards. If a winning poem is adjudicated for either competition, it will be announced at the Festival in Lincoln and via other channels; also, it will be recited at the Eisteddfod Winners’ Concert on Saturday afternoon (Sept. 2).
- The Welsh North American Association (which organizes the North American Festival of Wales) retains the right to use or include the winning poem at its events and in its publications.
- **QUESTIONS?** Please contact the NAFOW Eisteddfod Committee (Tel: 412-215-9161, Email: [eisteddfod@nafow.org](mailto:eisteddfod@nafow.org)). All inquiries will be kept in close confidence.

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## EMAIL ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS – WELSH LANGUAGE POEM (ADULT) AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM (ADULT)

- **SUBMISSIONS** are to be emailed to [wnaahq@gmail.com](mailto:wnaahq@gmail.com) no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the deadline date (**July 30, 2023**) and **must** include as the Subject line, **“Welsh Language Poem” OR “English Language Poem”**, as appropriate. (For anyone entering **both** competitions, please send **two separate submissions**, one for each competition.)
  
- You will receive a confirmation from the competition coordinator, via email, if your entry is accepted for the respective competition.
  
- **Please carefully follow these instructions when submitting via email, particularly to preserve anonymity for adjudication:**
  - (1) You will attach a copy of your composition to the email in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg.
  
  - (2) This attachment, which includes your composition, will additionally show only the name of the competition – “Welsh Language Poem” OR “English Language Poem” – and your chosen “pseudonym” (i.e., a made-up name that offers no clue to your actual identity). **(If you have submitted for any NAFOW Poetry Composition competition previously, please choose a completely new pseudonym.)**
  
  - (3) You will **also** attach to your email a second document, also in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg, which includes the following information:
    - (a) the name of the competition – “Welsh Language Poem” OR “English Language Poem”
    - (b) your pseudonym (as discussed above);
    - (c) your full/actual name; and
    - (d) your mailing address, email address and phone number.