

The 5th Annual Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund Poetry Competition

This year poems on **any topic** can be submitted for the main competition. There are two other categories – **all** poems are considered for the main prize. **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Midnight (local time) on May 31st 2022**

The judges are giving their time free of charge, so all profits from the competition fees will be used to fund the work of the Sanctuary and its veterinary clinic. The entry fee for **each** poem is £5 by donation to the Lord Whisky Sanctuary.

MAIN COMPETITION – poems on any topic, 40 lines or less

Prizes: First prize of £200

The value of 2nd and 3rd prizes will be determined by the prize fund of 50% of all entry fees.

LORD WHISKY FRIENDS COMPETITION – poems on any topic, open only to registered Friends of Lord Whisky - **Please mark your poem FLW**. Prize fund of £50

RESCUE PRIZE for a poem on a rescue animal or an animal sanctuary and its work. Prize fund of £50. **Please mark your poem RESCUE**

ALL ENTRIES will be considered for the main prize.

All the poems are anonymous when they are judged.

Up to 25 shortlisted poets will be invited to read at a Zoom event in September.

Judges: Mary Anne Smith Sellen and Derek Sellen

Both judges are widely published, award-winning poets.

Mary Anne has won the Sentinel Competition and the O’Bheal (Cork) and has won prizes or been commended in many other competitions as well as featuring in several anthologies. She has read her poetry at Canterbury Festival, Poetry on the Lake, Italy, at Faversham and Whitstable Lit Festivals, at O’Bheal in Ireland, Wordspace etc.

Derek has won Canterbury Festival Poet of the Year, O’Bheal, Poets Meet Politics, Rhyme International and other awards with prizes in Poetry on the Lake, National Poetry Competition, Poetry Space and various other competitions as well as shortlistings in many others. He has performed his poems widely.

Mary Anne has judged the Sentinel Competition and Derek has judged the Segora, Canterbury Festival, Poets Meet Politics, Poetry Pulse and others.

Derek’s collection ‘The Other Guernica’ was a finalist in the 2020 Poetry Book Award. Their work can also be found in many anthologies.

Margaret Todd, founder of the Sanctuary, will judge the Rescue Category. Poems must be 40 lines or fewer.

The **results** will be published on <https://www.lordwhisky.co.uk/news-and-events> by August 1st. Winners and listed poets will be invited to a Zoom reading in September.

PLEASE READ THE RULES BELOW CAREFULLY. We look forward to receiving your entries.

HOW TO ENTER:

Online entries:

1. Make a donation of £5.00 per entry to Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund at <http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk/donate> Additional donations are of course welcome to help with the work of the sanctuary.
2. Make a note of your PayPal transaction number.
3. Attach your poems, each in a separate document, to an e-mail. Please submit as .doc or .docx or .pdf. In the subject line of the e-mail, please write **Poetry Competition**

In the body of the e-mail, include your **name** and **postal address** and at least one **telephone number** and **e-mail address**. Include the **titles** of all your poems. Include the **Paypal transaction number** and the **amount in pounds of the donation** you have made.

4. Send the e-mail to lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Postal entries

1. Include a cheque for the amount of £5.00 per poem entered, payable to Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund.

2. **Send TWO COPIES of each poem.** Type your poems, each on one sheet of A4 paper and put in the same envelope with a separate A4 cover note.

3. The cover note should include your **name, postal address, telephone number, e-mail address** if you have one and **fee paid**.

4. Post the entries, cover note and cheque to:

Poetry Competition, Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund, Park House, Stelling Minnis, near Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN .

RULES

- Your name must **NOT** appear on the poem itself nor anything else which might identify you.
- Each entered poem should be **typed in black on white using a standard 12 point font** such as Calibri or Arial. Maximum length, excluding title and any blank lines: **40 lines**.
- Poems must be the **original work** of the entrant, **unpublished**, and must not have won a prize in any other competition. No entrant may win more than one prize.
- The competition is open to entrants over 16 years of age from the UK or any other country.
- **ALL poems received will be considered for the main prizes by the judge.**
- **IMPORTANT:** You may wish your poems to be **also** considered for the other categories of the LORD WHISKY FRIENDS PRIZE and/or POEM ABOUT A RESCUE ANIMAL OR SANCTUARY. If so, please write at the top of your poem, after the title, **FLW and/or RESCUE**.
- **Entry fee: £5.00 per poem.** Payment is by donation to the Lord Whisky Sanctuary through the Sanctuary website. Payment is made via PayPal's secure server. You do not need a PayPal account to pay in this way.
- Entries **close** at midnight (local time) on 31st May 2022.
- You can re-enter poems if you wish from previous competitions, provided they were **not** awarded a prize and were **not** shortlisted. Different judges may choose different winners!
- Previous years' prize-winners are welcome to enter new poems.
- Copyright remains with the poet, but the Sanctuary **may publish any prize-winning poems** in its magazine or online.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Please keep a copy of your work, as we cannot return entries. Please check your entry before you send it, since we cannot amend it for you later.
- The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners and shortlisted will be notified by e-mail, post or phone.
- Copyright remains with the author, but by entering you agree that we can display **prize-winning entries** either on the website or at the Sanctuary.
- **All poems** will be read by the main judges. Results will be posted on the Lord Whisky website.
- Margaret Todd, founder of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary, will judge the 'RESCUE' prize.
- We plan to invite all shortlisted poets to read at a **Zoom event** probably in early September 2022.
- All revenue from the competition after prizes is for the work of the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU FOR ENTERING AND FOR SUPPORTING THE SANCTUARY