



# READ *the* LANDSCAPE

Youth Poetry Contest & Poetry Gathering Night

Lan Su Chinese Garden celebrates the Scholars Arts every April. The Scholar's Arts include music, calligraphy, painting, and poetry. Poetry is an important aspect of Chinese gardens like Lan Su and Chinese culture. We are excited to hold our first youth poetry contest and poetry gathering that is on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. The event is free with membership or garden admission.

## SEEKING ORIGINAL POEM SUBMISSIONS FROM POETS IN GRADES 9-12

### LAN SU POETRY AWARDS

Judges Choice Award: Grades 9–10

\$ 100 cash prize *plus* a one-year Lan Su Student Membership (*value \$40*)

Judges Choice Award: Grades 11–12

\$ 100 cash prize *plus* a one-year Lan Su Student Membership (*value \$40*)

Best Connection to Lan Su Award

\$ 100 cash prize *plus* a one-year Lan Su Student Membership (*value \$40*)

The judges will choose one winner in each category. The winners of Lan Su Poetry Awards will be notified by Friday April 12, 2019 and invited to read at the Read the Landscape Award Ceremony and Poetry Gathering Night on April 27, 2019.

### READ THE LANDSCAPE AWARD

\$ 100 cash prize *plus* a one-year Lan Su Student Membership (*value \$40*)

The finalists of Read the Landscape Award will be notified by Friday, April 12, 2019 and invited to present their poems at the Read the Landscape Poetry Gathering Night. Judges will select one winner of Read the Landscape Award based on the finalist's presentation and creativity.

### JUDGES

- Paulann Petersen — *a former Oregon Poet Laureate*
- John Sibley Williams — *a published poet and professional editor*
- Alex Dang — *an awarded-winning slam poet*

### POETIC THEME

The poem content can reflect anything in your life that would connect to the Lan Su Chinese Garden. The connection could be literal — including a botanical or Asian cultural influence for instance. Some examples might be, but not limited to: water, plants, tea, architecture, gardens, fish, stone, shadows, balance, and harmony. The connection could also be emotional or symbolic. A traditional Chinese garden is known as a safe haven for intellectual minds to create and to be inspired. Be creative and share your feelings as a young poet. Where do you find the tranquility in your life?



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### SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- Poem must be an original, unpublished work. Submissions are limited to one poem per applicant.
- Format the poem to meet the following requirements:
  - 12-point font size, Times New Roman
  - Each poem must include a title
  - Poems can be a maximum of 30 lines or less, blank lines between the poem do not count as lines
  - Submit the poem in PDF format
- All submissions must include a completed application (see page 2) The application must be submitted in either a PDF or JPEG format.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Submissions not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.
- Submissions are ONLY accepted via e-mail at [ReadtheLandscape@LanSuGarden.org](mailto:ReadtheLandscape@LanSuGarden.org)
- Submissions accepted between Wednesday, January 30 and Friday, April 5, 2019.
- There is no cost to submit a poem.
- Winners of Lan Su Poetry Awards and finalists for Read the Landscape Award will be notified by e-mail no later than Friday, April 12, 2019.

### Read the Landscape: Award Ceremony & Poetry Gathering Night

- Read the Landscape Poetry Gathering Night will be held at Lan Su Chinese Garden from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019.
- All finalists will receive two complimentary admissions to attend the event.
- The judges will present the three Lan Su Poetry Awards and the winners will read their poems at the award ceremony.
- The finalists for the Read the Landscape Award will have an opportunity to read their poem at the event. The judges will choose one winner based on their presentation and creativity.
- Poems that are awarded prizes will be posted online at the Lan Su official website after the event.