READ the LANDSCAPE
Youth Poetry Contest

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 Lan Su and Chinese culture and we are excited to hold our second youth poetry contest and poetry gathering that is on Saturday April 25, 2020 from 2pm to 4pm. The event is free with membership or garden admission.

Seeking Original Poem Submissions from Poets in Grades 9 to 12

Lan Su Poetry Awards

- Judges choice Award Grades 9 to 10
  $50.00 Cash Prize and a One Year Lan Su Student Membership (value $40.00)
- Judges choice Award Grades 11 to 12
  $50.00 Cash Prize and a One Year Lan Su Student Membership (value $40.00)
- Best Connection to Lan Su Award
  $50.00 Cash Prize and a One Year Lan Su Student Membership (value $40.00)

The judges will choose one winner in each category. The winners of Lan Su Poetry Awards will be notified by Wednesday April 15, 2020 and invited to read at the Read the Landscape Award Ceremony and Poetry Gathering on April 25, 2020.

Read the Landscape Award

- Read the Landscape Award
  $50.00 Cash Prize and a One Year Lan Su Student Membership (value $40.00)

The finalists of Read the Landscape will be notified by Wednesday April 15, 2020 and will be invited to present their poems at the Read the Landscape Poetry Gathering. Judges will select one winner for the Read the Landscape Award based on the finalist’s presentation and creativity.

The Judges

- Paulann Petersen – former Oregon Poet Laureate  www.paulann.net
- John Sibley Williams – published poet and professional editor  www.johnsibleywilliams.com
- Emmett Wheatfall – published poet, playwright and recording artist  www.emmettwheatfall.com

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. Some examples of content are, but not limited to, water, plants, tea, architecture, gardens, fish, stone, shadows, balance, and harmony. The connection could be emotional or symbolic—a traditional Chinese garden is known as a 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?

Submission Criteria

- Poems must be original work that is unpublished. Limit submissions to one poem per applicant.
- Format the poem on one page and 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 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
- Submissions will be accepted between Thursday January 30 and midnight Friday April 10, 2020.
- Winners of Lan Su Poetry Awards and finalists for Read the Landscape Award will be notified via e-mail by Wednesday April 15, 2020.
- There is no cost to submit a poem.

Read the Landscape: Award Ceremony & Poetry Gathering

- Read the Landscape Poetry Gathering will be held at Lan Su Chinese Garden from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday April 25, 2020.
- 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.
- All finalists will be invited to attend the Read The Landscape gathering and present their poem in a public reading.
- Judges will choose the final Read The Landscape award based on those presentations of best presentation and creativity.
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## Youth Poetry Contest

Official Application of Read the Landscape Youth Poetry Contest (please print legibly).

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- **Submissions are accepted ONLY via e-mail at** readthelandscape@lansugarden.org
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday April 10, 2020 at Midnight.
- The finalists for the Read the Landscape Award will have an opportunity to read their poem at the poetry gathering on Saturday April 25, 2020. The judges will choose one winner for the final Read The Landscape Award based on their presentation and creativity.
- Poems that are awarded prizes will be posted online at the Lan Su official website after the event.
- For Inquiries, please contact Angie Ong at readthelandscape@lansugarden.org
- Learn more about Read the Landscape Poetry Contest at www.lansugarden.org/readthelandscape

☐ By checking this box, I certify that this poem is my own original work and has not been copied in whole or in part from any other author or content found on the internet or elsewhere. I release the right for Lan Su Chinese Garden to use my poem for display on the Lan Su Chinese Garden official website, social media sites, and in a Lan Su printed newsletter.

Signature of Applicant: ______________________  Date: __________

Signature of Guardian: ______________________  Date: __________

*For applicants who are under 18*