**Writing Contest for De Anza District**

**Entries due to De Anza Chairman by**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

**Rules For Writing Contest**

* Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC Club (except for Youth Categories).
* Authors must be amateurs (earnings from writing may not exceed $500 annually).
* Entries must be written between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
* Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the original works by the author.
* A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission (additional forms required for youth entries.
* There are two categories:
  + Short stories limited to 2,000 words and
  + Poetry of any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
* One entry per member per category.
* Entries must be
  + Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only on 8.5” x 11” paper
  + Have minimum margin of one inch on all four sides.
* Entries must have the following on the top-fight hand corner of each page:
  + Author’s name, email address, mailing address and phone number.
  + Club Name, District, Area and State of the Sponsoring Club.
  + Category.
  + Title of Work.
* Manuscripts Will Not Be Returned

**Youth Categories**

* While CFWC will not be judging this category at the state level, CFWC will submit District first place student writing entries to GFWC. Same rules as above apply.
* For minors under the age of 18, a signed minor’s consent form and release form and a minor’s publicity release form must be included with each entry, in addition to the Creative Arts Waiver.
* For youth, the categories are:
  + Category 1: Kindergarten, First and Second Grade
  + Category 2: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade
  + Category 3: Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade
  + Category 4: Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grade

**No later than Wednesday, February 8, 2023, send your club winners by mail or email to:**

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