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Mockingbird
Poetry Society



The Mockingbird Poetry Society Presents the 53rd Collin County Poetry Contest

The Event Supports the Literary Arts and Creativity in the Community

MCKINNEY, Texas – November 10, 2023 – On October 15, the [Mockingbird Poetry Society](#) (MPS) kicked off its flagship event, The 53rd Collin County Poetry Contest (CCPC). The contest is open to poets of all ages living or attending school in Collin County, including homeschooled and private school students. CCPC contest submissions must be postmarked by February 1, 2024. Contest instructions and submission rules apply and are available on the [MPS website](#).

MPS has sponsored the CCPC every year since the group's inception in 1970. Poets of any age can submit an original, unpublished poem for judging. Categories include every grade level K-12, college, adult and Mockingbird members. We encourage teachers of all grade levels to make the contest a class project.

The MPS prints an anthology each year containing first, second, third and honorable mention winners (if applicable in a category). Winners and their families are invited to attend an awards ceremony on April 14, 2024, where winning poets will read their poems and receive a free copy of a professionally printed anthology.

Many Thanks to Our Supporters

We are grateful for community support from the McKinney Arts Commission and the the Heard Craig Center for the Arts.

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[The Mockingbird Poetry Society](#) is a Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Carriage House in historic downtown McKinney. Since 1970, our purpose has been to share and further our knowledge of poetry and inspire each other. We increase literary awareness for all ages in our community through public readings and yearly events.

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