



THE DEAD END POET'S SOCIETY™ A COMPETITION FOR YOUNG POETS 2017

The UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden Babula Children's Garden has built a giant hedge maze. The maze has many dead ends. It may be the path to the center of the maze, it may be a path to a dead end, or it may be a path to one of the greatest poems you have ever read!

The Georgeson Botanical Garden announces a contest for poets in grades K-8. It is open to all students in the North Star Borough including public and private schools, charter schools, and home school students. Please write an original poem about reemergence, renewal, and new beginnings in nature (plants, insects, birdshave fun with your imagination)! The winners will be "published" in one of the many dead ends of the maze and may appear in newsletters and other publications of the Georgeson Botanical Garden.

There are no restrictions on poetry style. It could be haiku, a limerick, an ode, free verse, tongue twister, palindrome or others. The poem must be typewritten and must fit on one 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper, either direction, 20 point font. Poets may choose to illustrate their poem, but that is not required. Teachers, parents and sponsors may help type and submit the poem, but the work must be the student's original effort.

PRIZES:

- 1st place - \$20 gift certificate redeemable at the GBG nursery (opening 2017), a GBG T-Shirt, and your poem will be displayed in the maze
- 2nd place - \$10 gift certificate redeemable at the GBG nursery (opening 2017), a GBG T-Shirt, and your poem will be displayed in the maze
- 3rd place - A GBG T-Shirt and your poem will be displayed in the maze.
- Honorable mention - Your poem will be displayed in the maze.

The original poem remains the property of the poet, but all entrants with parent/guardian consent, must give permission for the Georgeson Botanical Garden to publish their work at dead ends in the maze and to reprint the poem in any form such as The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, newsletters, booklets, and on our web site. Credit will always be given to the author.

Mail/deliver to: Georgeson Botanical Garden, Dead End Poet's Society, PO Box 757200, Fairbanks, AK 99775. Entries must be postmarked by May 31, 2017, to be considered.



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Please fill in the following form with the assistance of a teacher/sponsor and parent or guardian.
All entries must be postmarked by May 31, 2017.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ zip: _____

Contact phone (school or home): _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

I, Teacher/Sponsor (Print) _____

verify that the attached poem is an original work by the student who is enrolled in the Fairbanks North Star Borough public or private schools, charter schools or home schools.

Sponsor/teacher signature: _____

Date: _____

Attached is an original poem I wrote about the theme "Springtime in the garden." I have typed the poem on an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper. It is typewritten with 20 point font or larger type. I give the Georgeson Botanical Garden permission to use my poem in all printed material and displays including but not limited to a display in the maze, newsletters, booklets, and the GBG web site. I will receive credit for all my work.

Signature: (Print or Cursive): _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Please email: bellamare.ak@gmail.com for further information.