

Rock Springs Review ~ 2018

Submission Guidelines

Rock Springs Review invites writers to submit original, unpublished works of poetry and prose, both fiction and nonfiction, to the Rock Springs Review (RSR) Contest. All entries will be considered for publication in Rock Springs Review ~ 2018, an annual anthology. Judges, who are professionals in the fields, rate and select the manuscripts for awards and publication. The anthology will be a 6 x 9 volume of approximately 250 pages. Do read and apply the guidelines. They will be followed.

General Submission Rules

1. Entries must be:
 - a. in English,
 - b. unpublished at the time of submission, and
 - c. the original work of the author.
2. Please provide a cover sheet as the first page of file. The cover sheet should include the author's name; address; telephone number; email address; author biography in 75 words or less; designation of each piece as fiction, nonfiction, or poetry; title and first line of each piece. Use additional page if necessary. All entries may be included on one cover sheet.
3. All submissions must be in 12-point Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier font with 1-inch margins top and bottom, and 1½-half inch margins left and right.
4. A page number in the header in the upper right corner of page is helpful.
5. The deadline for all entries is April 30, 2018, 11:59 p.m.
6. Entries containing pornography, graphic violence, explicit or gratuitous sex, and scatological content will not be accepted. However, "There are times when," and I quote Supreme Court Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, "the only thing to say is 'Well, I'll be damned!'" Be judicious; he was.
7. Submissions: Entries must be submitted via email.
 - a. Email electronic copies as attachments, in Word or PDF files, to RockSpringsReview@gmail.com.
If there is a problem with the type of file, email me. I'll see what I can do.
 - b. In the subject line put: Your name, RSR 2018 Contest Entry.
 - c. Do not put author's name and contact information on the manuscript pages—personal information on cover sheet only.
8. This contest is open to all writers.
9. You may enter as many times as you wish.
10. Fees: \$10 per prose entry, \$10 for up to three poems. You can use PayPal and send \$10 per entry to bcwjudy@gmail.com. Please put your name in the "write a note" section of the transaction page. If you prefer to use a check, please make it payable to Judy Stock (Editor RSR), and mail to P.O. Box 484, Boonville, MO 65233.
11. Send us your best. Somebody has to win. They did last year.
12. Please address Questions to same email as the entries.

Additional Guidelines

Poetry

1. Poetry may be any form.
2. Poetry may address any subject (except as noted in General Rule #6, above).
3. No more than one entry per page, but may all be in same file.
4. Lines should be single-spaced, with a double-space between verses.

Prose

1. Prose will be limited to 2000 words; manuscripts over 2000 words will be deleted.
2. Stories may be on any subject (except as noted in General Rule #6, above).
3. Paragraphs should have a three-space indent, with one space after periods.
4. Entries must be double-spaced; title is not included in word count.
5. Put word count at top of first page of each entry.

Judging

All submissions for publication are rated and selected by independent judges, whose decisions are final. Judges may award up to three places, at their discretion, but will select at least one in each category. Honorable mentions will be awarded if indicated.

(The editor is not a judge and does not select; the editor formats/edits for publication. Editing includes the nit-picky stuff, like making sure the curly-quotes are headed the right direction.)

Awards – Each Category:

1st Place	\$50
2nd Place	\$30
3rd Place	\$20
Honorable Mention	Certificates

A winners' list should be out by the end of July 2018. If you have not heard by August 1, 2018, email Judy Stock at RockSpringsReview@gmail.com.

By submitting to *Rock Springs Review ~ 2018*, you give permission for your story to be published unless you submit a withdrawal, in writing, by July 15, 2018.

Rock Springs Review uses first rights. (This will include reprints of the anthology.) If your submission is chosen, payment upon publication will be \$2.00 per printed page of prose or poetry, plus one book for each author published.

An Added Surprise

To be eligible for this add-in, you have to be entered in the RSR 2018 contest. There will be no added entry fee. Prize money will be half of the other contest categories. Your entry title for this part should be "To Prompt - 'your name.'"

On April 23, 2018, I will email a "prompt." The idea is to set a timer for 15-20 minutes, like you would do at a group meeting. Write to the prompt for that time period. Like with any "prompt" writing, you should have your major plot and ideas on paper within that time. You are allowed to clean it up a bit afterward. This entry has to be included in the same file with other entries and turned in before the April 30, 2018, 11:59 p.m. deadline. You don't have to do this part; there is no penalty for not joining for this section. It might help you learn the joy of writing to prompts, and it just might be a bit of fun. Everyone will be writing to the same "prompt." If you read the section "Camping in God's Country" in RSR 2017, you know what is possible.