



PIONEER REUNION POETRY GATHERING – OPEN CONTEST

- 1) One entry per poet per division. Must be the original work of the entrant. There is no fee for entering the contest.
- 2) Topics must be related to the Ranching/Western life.
- 3) Prizes will be awarded in two divisions:
 - a. **Traditional Cowboy Poetry** – adhering to traditional rhyme, rhythm/meter, voice, in lyric ballad or ode form.
 - b. **Poetry of the West** – any other form or style, rhymed or unrhymed.
- 4) The top six places will be invited to join in the Grand Champion Drive and judged on their oral performance of their poem Friday afternoon at Pioneer Reunion.
- 5) Poems may be a of maximum of 72 lines, maximum of sixty characters per line (spaces included) for the Traditional Cowboy Poetry division, or 36 lines, maximum of sixty characters per line (spaces included) for the Poetry of the West division.
- 6) Poems will be judged by a panel from the Wichita Falls Poetry Society, and judges will be blinded to the identity of the entrant.
- 7) No illustrations or decorations should adorn the entry.
- 8) The entrants name, address, phone number, and email address should be presented in the top right corner of the page.
- 9) Poems will be judged on creativity, originality, appropriateness of content, use of figurative language, and structure.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Must be received no later than **Monday, September 2nd**.

Entries may be mailed to:

**Pioneer Reunion Poetry Gathering
Cowboy True c/o Arts Council of Wichita Falls
1300 Lamar Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301**

Or emailed in .pdf format to:

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