



We want you to write about this year's topic... "In the Neighborhood"

Eligibility:

- Must be 18 years or older and a Dallas or Rockwall county resident

Categories include:

- Short story
- Short work (includes plays and essays)
- Poetry

Rules:

- **All entries MUST be in a typed format**
- No more than one (1) entry per participant per category
- All entries should be suitable for family viewing
- Please NO NAME ON ENTRY ITSELF!
- **Entry Form and Creative Work Display Agreement* must be submitted with each entry**

Awards:

- **Adult Division:**
 - First Place \$150 in each category
 - Second Place \$50 in each category
- Each participant will receive an award certificate from the Arts & Humanities Commission and be recognized on AHC Facebook page.

Deadline:

- Entries must be received by: **Saturday, March 20, 2021**

Submission:

- Submit your entry either by email, mail or drop-off at:

 writingcontest@rowlett.com

Rowlett Public Library
3900 Main Street, Suite 200
Rowlett, TX 75088

Attention: Lisa Watt
Arts & Humanities Commission

Contact

- Questions? E-mail jforasteros@gmail.com

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Meet the 2021 Writing Contest judges

Brianne Leeson

Brianne Leeson is an artist, writer, and small business owner from Dallas. She runs the art collective and pop-up gallery, Bellona Arts. She is a voice actor and writer on the scripted fantasy podcast, Today's Lucky Winner. Brianne lives with her husband, two dogs, and a creature who claims to be a dog, but may actually be a goblin. (The jury is still out on him.)"

Melodie Dillahunty

Melodie serves as the Development Assistant and Administrator for Art House Dallas. Prior to Art House, she spent five years in the investment management industry. She is an avid writer focused on memoir and poetry, and she is passionate about normalizing suffering. A Virginia native, Melodie graduated from the Honors College at the University of South Carolina with a degree in Finance and Entrepreneurship.

Ryan Glenn

A renaissance man of a Texan sort, Ryan Glenn is a local writer, woodworker, designer, singer-songwriter, and actor in the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. He most often writes short stories and poetry, and loves a good word from Billy Collins, Samuel Beckett, and Malcolm Guite. After 10 years in the advertising industry as a senior designer and erstwhile copywriter, he recently became the Programs Manager of local arts non-profit, Art House Dallas, where he also leads a Dallas-area monthly writers' group. He holds a BFA in Theatre Studies and a BA in Creative Advertising from Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts. Ryan lives with his wife Jessica and a black lab named Bruce in a 120-year-old home in Old East Dallas.

**Rowlett Arts & Humanities Commission
2021 Writing Contest Entry Form**

The contact information below is kept confidential by the Commission and is required for award check to be issued (phone number and/or e-mail address needed for winner notification).

****All fields required***

*Name: _____ (M / F)

*Mailing Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

*Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

*Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

*Category (circle one): **Short Story** **Short Work** **Poetry**

(One entry allowed per participant per category. Use a separate entry form for each.)

*Title: _____

Thank you,
JR. Forasteros, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Swagerty, Co-Chair
2021 Writing Contest Committee
Arts and Humanities Commission



**CITY OF ROWLETT
ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
CREATIVE WORK DISPLAY AGREEMENT
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Please complete and submit with your entry.

By participation in the City-sponsored Writing Contest, and by submitting original creative work, the applicant acknowledges that his/her submission may be used by the City for promotional purposes and may be displayed, publicized, republished, broadcast and/or distributed by the City through various media, including the City's website, public access cable television, and/or displayed at City and public facilities.

Permission is given to the City for its unlimited use of the work for these purposes, without compensation, and the participant releases and waives any claims of all kinds against the City.

Approve display:

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name

Title of Entry

Decline display:

Applicant Signature

Date