



Mayor Greg Wheeler



## *City of Bremerton Poet Laureate Program*

### Call

The City of Bremerton announces a call for poet laureate. This is a new position that should be held by a person experienced in the field of poetry and literary arts who is able to enact a vision to enhance literary arts exposure in the City of Bremerton. The poet laureate will work with community groups, local schools, libraries, seniors, other literary groups and the City of Bremerton to promote programming and projects in literary arts, specifically poetry. Work read and created for the City of Bremerton by the poet laureate during their term should highlight the diversity and beauty of Bremerton.

### Term, Remuneration and Selection

The City of Bremerton Poet Laureate will be a two-year term. Poet laureates may serve a total of four terms. This person will receive a term stipend of \$500. All applications will be reviewed by the City of Bremerton Arts Commission. Appointment will be made by the Mayor. The poet laureate retains all rights to work created during their term. However, the City of Bremerton reserves the unrestricted right to reprint work used in an official capacity during this term either online or in print.

### Eligibility

- Residing in Bremerton for at least 12 months prior to application with continued residency during the term of service
- Regarded as an expert in the field of literary arts. Professionals in literary arts might have received awards, demonstrated involvement in local literary arts groups and have published literary work, ideally in the field of poetry.
- Ability to make positive community connections.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the Mayor's vision for arts in the city as well as the mission of the City of Bremerton Arts Commission



## Duties

- Create positive community connections to promote poetry.
- Conduct at least four public readings of original poetry each year.
- Create unique programming for April, poetry month to enhance awareness of poetry in schools, libraries, and the community at large. One public reading is requested for the month of April.
- Compose poetry for special occasions and ceremonial purposes as requested by the mayor and/or City of Bremerton Arts Commission if requested.
- During each term the poet laureate will work with the City of Bremerton to create a publication (can be print or online) of chosen poetry representing the diversity of Bremerton. The City of Bremerton will support a budget not to exceed \$500 during each two-year term for materials and production costs for the publication.
- Work with a City of Bremerton liaison to keep an updated web page of events and information for the poet laureate program.

## Application

To apply visit: [www.BremertonWA.gov/PoetLaureate](http://www.BremertonWA.gov/PoetLaureate) for an online application form.

Along with application, applicants will be asked for a:

- Current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume.
- Explanation why the applicant wishes to be considered for the position of poet laureate and description of vision for the term they will serve (could also be in cover letter format).
- At least four examples of original poetry formatted in Times New Roman 12 point font. Work should include citations if previously printed. A maximum of 10 pages total will be accepted.
- References are welcomed but not required.
- **Complete applications must be received by March 10th, 2019.**
- Complete applications may also be emailed to Cynthia Engelgau, Arts Commission Liaison at [cynthia.engelgau@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:cynthia.engelgau@ci.bremerton.wa.us) before March 10th at midnight.

