COFFEE POEMS*
Posting a Poem-a-Month at Coffee Labs

The **Hudson Valley Writers Center** announces the launch of COFFEE POEMS, a new collaboration between the Writers Center and **Coffee Labs Roasters**. The submission deadline is the **10th of the month**, for possible display the following month at Coffee Labs.

For years, writers and listeners at the monthly Writers Center Open Mic have enjoyed free coffee, courtesy of Coffee Labs. Now coffee lovers will be able to savor the fine poetry on display as they wait in line for their fresh-roasted java of choice at Coffee Labs.

Poets are invited to submit a short poem by the **10th of the month**. Anyone can enter; with poetry on any subject. Excerpts from longer poems and resubmissions are also accepted.
Limit: one poem per person per month.

A panel of five judges from the Writers Center will select one poem-a-month for posting the following month at Coffee Labs. The selection will be **announced on the 3rd Friday of each month** by Bill Buschel, host of the Writers Center Open Mic.

Selected poets will receive **two $5.00 gift certificates**, one from Coffee Labs and one from the Writers Center. The poet's name and title of their poem will also be posted on the Writers Center website in the Special Projects section — writerscenter.org/projects/.

Poems may be in English, Spanish or another language. We encourage submissions from people of all ages and backgrounds, as well as both published and student poets.

ONLY e-mail entries will be accepted. Send to **coffeepoems@writerscenter.org**, with "Coffee Poems" in the subject line. Submit your poem as an attachment or in the body of the e-mail.

Poems must be in a 20-point standard font and fit on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper, with a 2-1/2" margin at the bottom, to leave room for the poet's name and information about the COFFEE POEMS project.

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