



Guidelines for the 2021 RAVEN POETRY CHAPBOOK Contest

The winning manuscript will be published in May 2021

1. Eligible poets must reside in the Capital Regional District (CRD) which includes Greater Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands. The 2021 contest will focus on emerging writers who are unpublished or have previously published not more than one poetry chapbook and/or one full length volume of poetry.
2. A \$25 entry fee to be submitted with the manuscript. Cheques or e-transfers accepted. Payable to Diana Hayes (Raven Chapbooks Publisher) e-transfers to dehayes@islandnet.com
3. Manuscripts must be received and postmarked no later than **November 30, 2020**.
4. Manuscripts to be 15–25 pages of poems (not including table of contents and bio page).
5. Manuscripts to be printed in 12 pt. font and pages to be numbered. **Do not include any identifying information within the manuscript itself. Manuscripts will be blind judged.** Please include a one-page cover letter identifying the title of your submission and include a short biographical paragraph. All manuscripts to be submitted in hard copy to: Diana Hayes, Raven Chapbooks, 138 McAllister Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1M4. Include an SASE if you wish to receive your manuscript back by mail after the contest.
6. If any of the poems have been previously published, include an acknowledgments page. A table of contents with page numbering is required.
7. Contest entry fees are non-refundable and manuscripts cannot be edited after submission. Please be sure to submit only your final version of the poems.
8. The winning manuscript will be announced on **March 1st 2021**. The winner will be contacted by phone and the announcement will be posted on the website:
www.dianahayes.ca/chapbook-contest/
9. The winning manuscript will be published on **May 31st, 2021** in an edition of 115 copies. Design and production details will be negotiated with the poet. A publishing contract will be provided. The poet may purchase copies for private sale at the publisher's discount - 50% of retail cost.