

Poetry Garden Contest Winners Announced



Works displayed in four Poetry Gardens [Spring 2020]

The Town of Friday Harbor and its Arts Commission (FHAC) announced winners of their first Poetry Garden Contest. A blind judging process was used to review 271 poems submitted by 90 San Juan County residents. Final selections were made by Washington State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna and included 20 adults and 10 students grades 3-12.

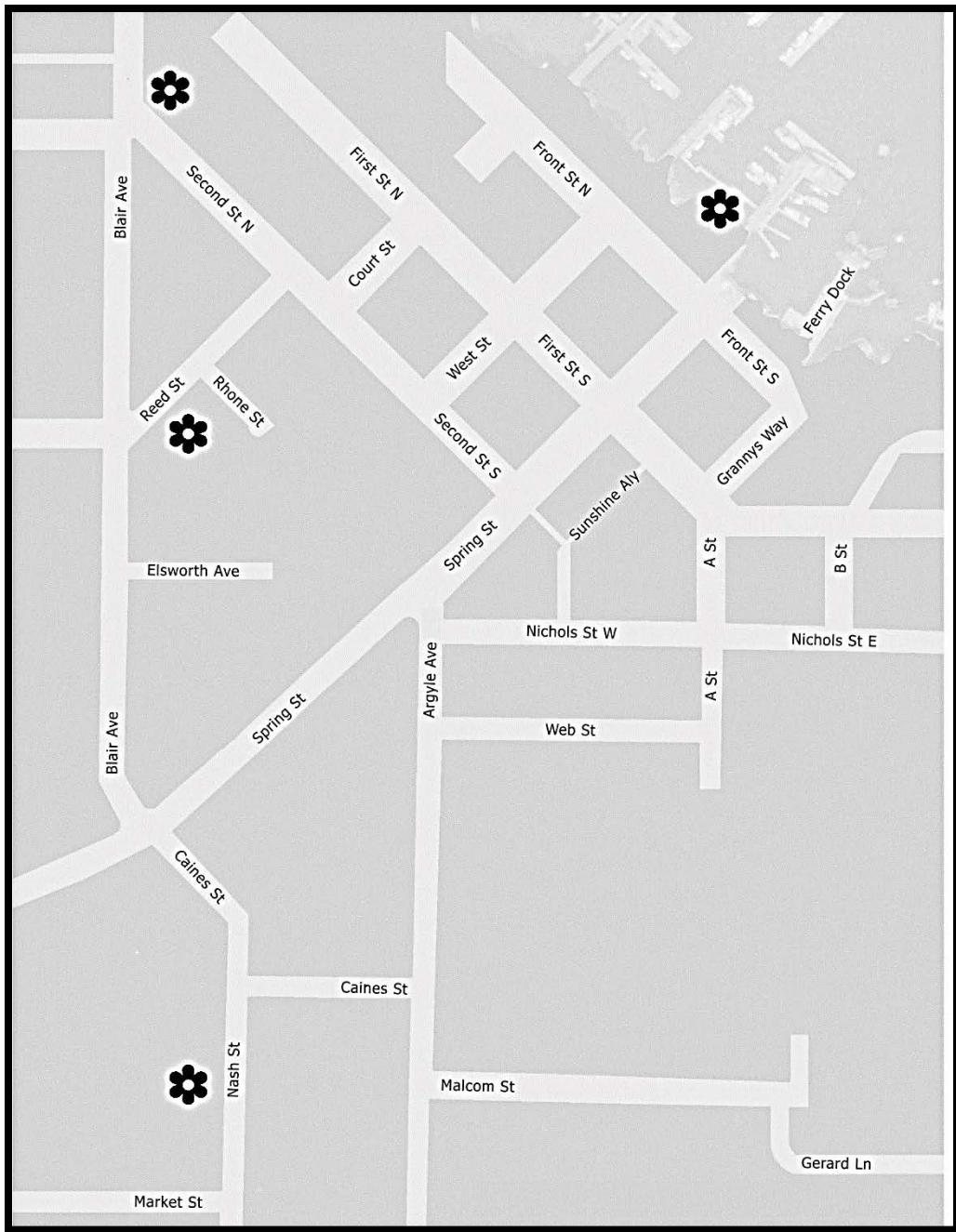
Winning poems are on display at four outdoor “poetry gardens” located in Friday Harbor next to the San Juan Community Theatre, the Mullis Community Senior Center, the post office, and the waterfront viewing area below Downriggers.

“We would like to thank citizen committee members Boyd Pratt, Lisa Salisbury, Jennifer Boyden, and Rebecca Cook and FHAC members David Jenkins and Diane Martindale for bringing this project to the Town,” said Mayor Farhad Ghatan.

This was the first time the FHAC partnered with a committee of local citizens on a public art project. The FHAC was formed in November 2014 to advise the Town Council on the selection, placement, and maintenance of public art.

Adult winners: Holli Brown (“South Beach”), Janet Dann (“Deer Crossing”), Sally Green (“Injured Owl”), Samuel Green (“Black Walnut”), Susie Foster Hale (“15 Seconds Off Jackson Beach” and “One Less Thing”), David Kobrin (“The Vase”), Lynne Mercer (“Commentary”), Tara Moghadam (“Headlines” and “Round Earth, Small Cell in Some Universal Body”), JoEllen Moldoff (“Trumpeters, Mid-December”), Helen C. O’Connor (“Celestial Anchor”), Nancy Spaulding (“Overlooking the Straits”), Joan D. Stamm (“Haiku #2”), Greg Sutherland (“The colors of the sea”), Gary Thompson (“The Island Broke Out”), Paul Walsh (“The Frog Drawer”), John C. Waugh (“Dawn Carrot”), William Jay Weissinger (“High Wind Warning”), Carmen Wolfisberg (“Lush”)

Student winners: Gavia Boyden (“Your Presence is Sweet Water” and “Where Night Breathes”), Zach Crichton (“Son of a Fisherman”), Cora Green (“Working It Out” and “Postcard from Sandy Point Beach, Waldron Island”), Abel Lehman (“A Walk on the Trails”), Amelia M. Munkres (“Fall”), James Sears (“Rulers of the Sky”), Tiffany Sears (“Dew”), Savannah Waugh (“My Island”) -#-



SPRING STREET LANDING
On the waterfront below Downriggers Restaurant

SAN JUAN COMMUNITY THEATRE
At the corner of Second Street and Blair Avenue

US POST OFFICE
On Reed Street

MULLIS COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
On Nash Street



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