



2024 AICW Venera Fazio Poetry Contest

About Us:

The Association of Italian-Canadian Writers is a national, volunteer-run non-profit organization that brings together a community of writers, critics, academics, and other artists who promote Italian-Canadian literature and culture. The AICW's mission is to support and encourage the expression and dissemination of the Italian-Canadian experience within an ethnoculturally diverse society. The AICW was founded in 1986 in Vancouver.

Venera Fazio (1946 – 2017)



Venera Fazio (1946-2017) was born in Sicily and immigrated to Canada with her parents at a very young age. Before dedicating herself to writing and editing, she worked as a social worker (MSW). She co-edited seven anthologies relating to her culture of origin, including the best-selling *Sweet Lemons* and *Sweet Lemons 2*. Her poetry and prose have been published in literary magazines and anthologies in Canada and the United States. Venera Fazio was a past-president of the Association of Italian Canadian Writers.

Call for Submissions

Eligibility

- This contest is open to everyone worldwide.
- No pseudonyms.
- By entering this contest, you confirm that this is your original unpublished work.

Prizes

- First prize, \$250.
- Second prize, \$ 100.
- Third prize, \$75.
- One Honourable Mention.
- All winners receive a Certificate.
- The winning poems will be read at the prize awards online ceremony.

Submission Criteria for ONE entry

- Three poems of up to 40 lines each or one longer poem of up to 140 lines. Only one poem per page. Submissions can be in English, French, or Italian.

Judging

- Blind judging, entrant's name must not appear on the submission.

Deadline

- **October 31, 2024**

Entry Fee

- Twenty-five dollars (\$25) for ONE entry. Limit of 2 entries per person. Payment can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@aicw.ca, or by mailing a cheque made out to the Association of Italian-Canadian Writers to:

**AICW, c/o Delia De Santis
2961 Delia Crescent
Bright's Grove, ON N0N 1C0
Canada**

How to Submit

- Please send entries to dpds2961@outlook.com and info@aicw.ca; or to the above address. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2024.

Note

- Please provide a cover letter with name, address, telephone number, email address and title(s) of poem(s). Emailed submissions must be sent as a Word file. Mailed submissions must be typed. Poems must be single-spaced, with the title(s) appearing on each numbered page. No previously published or simultaneous submissions. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Submissions that do not comply with the above criteria will be disqualified.

- Winners will be contacted by e-mail.

For more information, please write to Delia De Santis at
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