

*Will & Celia Piehl**

Youth Poetry Contest

2017

"CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES"



The world is made up of many different kinds of people -- of different races, cultures, and beliefs -- who have many different customs, thoughts and opinions. How do we come to accept and appreciate our differences? How do we learn about and from each other?

The Piehl Youth Poetry Contest is open to all grade 5-12 students, including Home Study, who live in Bandon, Langlois, or Port Orford.

Rules:

- ✓ **Write a poem about "Celebrating Differences."** Use any form, including rhyme and free verse, not to exceed 40 lines.
- ✓ Enter two (2) copies of your own original, unpublished poem, one poem per entrant.
- ✓ Type or write your poem neatly on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11" sheet of white paper.
- ✓ On Copy 1 of your poem, write only your age and the contest's theme ("Celebrating Differences") in the upper right-hand corner.
- ✓ On Copy 2 of your poem, also write your name and telephone number, the name of your school, and your teacher's name.
- ✓ **Submit in a sealed envelope to the Bandon Library (Attn: Piehl Youth Poetry Contest) no later than Friday, April 21, at 5:00 pm.** Winners will be notified by Sunday, April 23.

The awards ceremony will be held Friday, April 28, at 7:00 pm in the Sprague Community Room of the Bandon Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon, 97411, where winners will read their poetry. Family, friends, and all poetry lovers are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Celia Piehl was a lifelong supporter of civil and personal rights, a social worker/counselor and poet who devoted much of her life to change that could lead to understanding, peace, and unity among people, regardless of their backgrounds and differences. She and husband Will lived and worked in Coos County for 23 years. After Celia died in 1997, Will sponsored the first poetry contests in her memory. Will passed away in 2012. This contest is now sponsored by the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation, Inc.*