



## SUMMER MAIN OFFICE

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### RETURNING POET LOTTERY PROCEDURES:

Dear Alumni Poets,

Our great good luck through the years in supporting poets and poetry has led to a much-needed change in our returning poet lottery policy for returning poets. As you know, this Poetry program depends on its small size and the additions of new voices every year. In the past, poets were asked sit out one session before entering the lottery. And, if their name wasn't selected in the lottery, admittance was guaranteed the following year. This policy worked out well for years and years, but is no longer sustainable.

We need a policy to preserve the size, spirit, and integrity of the program. If you would like to attend the workshops again, here are some updated procedures:

1. Please wait out three sessions before entering the lottery; we'd love to have you back, but we are experiencing a greater volume of returning poets.
2. If you would like to enter the lottery for this coming summer, please complete the online Application Form, indicate you are a returnee, and pay your nonrefundable lottery fee of \$20 by the deadline. We are no longer requiring folks to pay a tuition deposit in advance.
3. There is no need to submit a writing sample.
4. If we have more folks than can be accommodated, we will foreground each year those who were not admitted the previous year, or those who have not returned in over a decade. Even with these measures, there can be no guarantees, but we are doing our best given our numerical limitations!

The important thing about the community is that it is a community. We know that the friendships that are begun in the program, and the workshops and reading groups formed out of these friendships, are a very important part of the ethos of the Community of Writers. We love knowing that you are connecting with each other in the years you are not together in the Valley.

- Online payments are subject to a 3.25% service charge.
- To avoid this fee, mail in a check for \$20. Please send to the Nevada City address, below. Make check out to Community of Writers and put "Poet Lottery" on the memo line of the check.

Feel free to reach out to Brett if you have any questions. [brett@communityofwriters.org](mailto:brett@communityofwriters.org).

Sincerely,

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