



2024 Garden Club of Rogers Youth Poetry Contest



"I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green
Outside - Celebrating Our Green World"

2024 Youth Poetry Contest Guidelines

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

Eligibility:

- Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Dates for Submission:

- Club entries must be delivered to Kelly English by **Friday May 24th, 2024**.
- Entries can be delivered or mailed to:

Keller Williams Market Pro Realty
ATTN: Kelly English
3105 NE 11th St Suite 5
Bentonville, AR 72712

Guidelines:

- All entries must be typed and titled
- Poems should be no more than 24 lines (including title).
- Include name, address, age, grade, school of participant, and sponsoring garden club on back of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club: Garden Club of Rogers
- Poems do not have to rhyme.
- Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.
- When choosing poem title, please be creative and incorporate the theme: "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside".
- The theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.

Scale of Points

- Title: 10%
- Content: 40%
- Creativity: 30%
- Style: 20%
- Total: 100%

2023 Winners - Youth Poetry Contest

**Grade 1 - Ryan F.
Hendricks County Garden Club, Indiana**

"My Apple Tree"

Big, fat buzzing bees
On the flower of my tree
I know that soon there'll be
Big, red apples just for me.

**Grade 2 - Charlie School - 2nd Place
Oshkosh Garden Club, Wisconsin**

"Little Bee"

Such a little bee
Oh me, oh my
He carries the pollen upon his knee
Oh me, oh my
Such tiny specks to see
Oh me, oh my
Make the wildflowers grow free
Oh me, Oh my

**Grade 3 - Ellie Jordan - 2nd Place
Jardin Du Lac Garden Club, Missouri**

"Trees Through the Seasons"

In the spring the flowers bloom,
The trees grow strong and dance.
Rain will fall and thunder blooms
To give the seeds a chance.
In the summer the sun is warm,
The trees grow tall in height.
Across the fields, the bees will swarm
Beneath the ray's white light.
In the fall the trees will change,
The green leaves turn to red.
The different colors will be strange
As autumn plows ahead.
In the winter the trees are bare,
Their branches dressed with snow.
The deer will roam without a care,
A little buck and doe.
The four seasons are quite great,
They always make us smile.
I love the magic they create.
They always come with style.

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**Grade 4 - Mitchell M.
Hobart Garden Club, Indiana**

"Nature"

Nutrients from plants for our bodies
Ants that eat green rotten apples
Trees that help clean our air
Underground fresh soil to help grow plants
Rivers that provide water
Enjoying nature to the fullest

**Grade 5 - Emma B.
Hendricks County Garden Club, Indiana**

"Nature is Beautiful"

Hear the buzzing bees,
Their honey is the sweetest,
Watch them make honey,
Makes the air we breathe,
The rustling of the leaves,
Trees smell like flowers,
Plant them in the ground,
Watch them grow into huge trees,
Seeds are something great.

**Grade 6 - Max Anderson
Grow and Glow Garden Club, Missouri**

"Winter Hills"

The trees are brown, the grasses yellowed
Most life is hidden away.
The nature's beauty is quite very mellowed
Seen cannot be a single blue jay.
Then snow starts to fall
Oh, so cold, is for all
Yet wreathing the landscape in layers of white
It brings a new beauty, ever so bright.
Many move elsewhere, or hide from the sheer cold
Yet a courageous few stay
Keeping up their life, joy shining through like gold
Out in a wonder, where they continue to play.
Now a day must end, and a night must start
Happiness, firmly mounted in many a kid's heart.
The sleds are finally put away,
Ready to fly across the snow, when it snows another day.