

Anthology 2024

TITLE: HILL SPIRITS VI

Submission Guidelines for writing and art

Theme

The inspiring theme for our sixth anthology is “**Change**”.

We all experience change. It may be planned or unexpected, personal or world-wide but it can not be avoided. As a theme, change gives impetus to a wide range of fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

A couple of inspirational quotes:

“Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.” Rumi.

“Nothing is so painful to the human mind as a great and sudden change.”

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Who may submit

Members of Spirit of the Hills Arts Association and residents of the following eastern Ontario counties: Northumberland, Durham, Peterborough, Hastings and Prince Edward.

When to submit

Submit between now and March 31, 2024.

What to submit

Submit prose and poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Rather than memoir, please use personal narrative. (A personal narrative focuses on an event while a memoir focuses on the author.)

Material should be original, in English and unpublished. No excerpts from longer pieces.

Although submissions will be edited, please self-edit your submissions.

Writers may **submit a maximum of two pieces**; and those submissions may be a mix of prose and poetry.

- Fiction is limited to a maximum of 3000 words per story.
- Non-fiction - a maximum of 2500 words.
- Poetry up to 50 lines including stanza breaks

Preparing your submission

Be sure to edit your submission - aim for **publication ready**.

Formatting:

- typed and double-spaced (poetry excepted)
- 12 point font Times New Roman
- minimum 1” margins on all sides
- insert header with name/one word from title/page number

Sending your submission

All work should be submitted as attachments by email to wordnorthumberland@gmail.com with the subject heading on the email: **Anthology 2024 + (Your Name)**

In the body of the email, include: your full name (or pseudonym if applicable), the **title(s)** of your work and a **press-ready bio** [max 50 words].

Attach submission pieces as separate documents in MSWord (PC or Apple platform) saved as .RTF or .DOC or DOCX .

Submitting Art

Images, including original art and photographs should be representative of the theme, and must be at least 300dpi. Email to wordnorthumberland@gmail.com subject line **Anthology 2024 art**.

Submitting Cover Art

Images including original photographs and/or photos of artworks must relate to the theme and be at least 14”x10” at 300dpi to span the front and back cover.

Email to wordnorthumberland@gmail.com subject line **Anthology 2024 cover art**.

Author Copies and Copyright

Copyright remains with the author. Each contributor may buy copies of the anthology at a discounted author rate. A launch event will be held as part of the Northumberland Festival of the Arts (NFOTA) in September 2024.

Simultaneous Submissions

Are accepted, provided that you identify them as such and agree to notify us immediately if a piece has been accepted elsewhere.

Acceptance

If your work is accepted, we will contact you, at the email you provide, by **April 30, 2024**. Also, prior to publication, a DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY form will be provided and must be completed as a requirement for the Ontario book publishing tax credit.

Questions and Queries

Email wordnorthumberland@gmail.com and put QUERY ANTHOLOGY 24 in the subject line.