

Leacock Museum announces Connor Poetry Prize winners

For immediate release (June 13, 2019) – After receiving submissions from across Ontario, the Stephen Leacock Museum National Historic Site in conjunction with the family of K. Valerie Connor are pleased to announce the winners of the 4th annual Connor Poetry Prize.

“The response we had this year for the annual Connor Poetry Prize was tremendous,” said Tom Rose, Collections and Program Supervisor. “We had a really strong list of contenders with really great pieces. Everyone who entered should be very proud of themselves.”

The contest winners are as follows:

Elementary Category

3rd	Corbin Hoffmann of Waterloo for his poem "The Dragon"
2nd	Orla Hockmann of Toronto for her poem "Hungry Bunnies"
1st	Mistica Mariaynesan of Scarborough for her poem "Playing Roses"

Student Category

3rd	Shu Jing Li of Toronto for her poem "The Joys of Living"
2nd	Julia Felgner of Oro-Medonte for her poem "Teddy Bears, Cookbooks and Seashells"
1st	Hannah Nie of North York for her poem "Sight Seen"

Adult Category

3rd	Roberta McGill of Orillia for her poem "Early Bird"
2nd	Faith B. Jones of Cobourg for her poem "The Colliers' Soft-shoe Shuffle"
1st	Kate Felix of Toronto for her poem "Chicken Lady, In Repose"

The public is invited to the **K. Valerie Connor Memorial Poetry Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Leacock Museum, 50 Museum Dr., at 3 p.m.** to hear the winning poems and honour the winning poets. Light refreshments will be served and there is no fee for admission to the celebration.

Follow the Leacock Museum on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LeacockMuseum/> where the winning poems will be posted following the poetry celebration.

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