



A festival celebrating the creativity of people 55 and older

Call to Writers

Michigan visual artists and writers, age 55+

Creative 360 is seeking original, imaginative art to be read, performed, and displayed as part of our 12th annual Artfest 55 festival celebrating the creativity of Michigan residents age 55 and over.

The exhibit opening, written word competition, performances, and award announcements all take place Friday, July 23 from 6:30—9:00 pm.

INFORMATION FOR WRITERS

Creative 360 is seeking original poems, short stories, and memoirs for the *Sentimental Journeys* writing contest.

Jurists

Luana Russell, Sarah Yoder, and Jim Crissman

Deadlines

- **Notify Creative 360, (989)837-1885 or creed@becreative360.org of your intent to enter ASAP.**
- **Writings and payment must be received by Creative 360 by noon on Monday, July 12 via email (strongly preferred) or you may mail or drop off a paper copy if email is not available.**
- Winners will be announced at the opening of Artfest 55 on Friday, July 23rd between 6:30 and 9:00 pm.

Rules of the Competition

- Entries must be the original work of a Michigan resident, age 55 or older.
- Submissions must fit into one of the following categories:
 - Memoir:** Non-fiction; recalling memories and experiences from a person's past - 1250 words or less
 - Short Story:** Writing that is fictional, created from the imagination of the writer - 1250 words or less
 - Poetry:** Can be rhyming or not - 1250 words or less
- Works must not have been previously published for the public.
 - Each entry must contain a *Sentimental Journeys* application sheet (one is attached to this call) which is also available online at www.becreative360.org or call (989)837-1885 to request a mailed copy.
 - The piece itself must not contain references that identify the author to ensure impartial judging.

Prizes and More

- \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner in each category. Each entrant will receive a copy of the written entries booklet at the opening (hard copy or electronically). More hard copies may be purchased for \$5 each. If you are unable to attend the opening, you may stop in the office anytime after July 23rd to obtain your copy.

Fees and Finances

The entry fee is \$20 (cash/check) \$23 (credit/debit) per work (limited to one entry per category for each entrant). Make checks payable to Creative 360 with Artfest 55 in the subject line.

Please contact us with questions (989)837-1885 or email to creed@becreative360.org.

**Employees and board members of Creative 360 are not eligible to win prizes.*



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Sentimental Journeys ~ Creative Writing Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

	<p>Payment of \$20 cash/check or \$23 credit/debit and a copy of this application form must accompany your work. You may submit one work in each category.</p>
<p>Poetry / Title _____→</p>	
<p>Memoir / Title (Non-fiction) _____→</p>	
<p>Short Story / Title _____→</p>	
<p>I would like to receive my copy of the written word booklet formatted as: A printed booklet _____. An email _____.</p>	<p>If you are a winner in one of the categories, would you be willing to read your entry aloud on July 23rd during the award ceremony? If not, let us know and we will arrange to have your piece read for you. YES _____ NO _____</p>

More Artfest 55 opportunities:
 There will be an exhibition of visual art, 2D, 3D, photography, and sculpture.
 Awards will be presented during the opening on Friday, July 23rd.

There will be a *Senior Moments* talent show / competition on opening night, July 23rd.

Call for an entry or visit the web site for entry forms.
www.becreative360.org or call (989)837-1885.

PAYMENT RECIEVED



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