



2023

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 and displayed as part of our 14th Annual Artfest 55 festival celebrating the creativity of Michigan residents age 55 and over. The exhibit opening, written word competition, and award announcements all take place Friday, June 23, 2023 from 6:30—8:30 pm.

INFORMATION FOR WRITERS

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

Jurists

Luana Russell and Sarah Yoder

Deadlines

- **Notify Creative 360 of your intent to enter via email creed@becreative360.org, call 989-837-1885, or visit our web site becreative360.org to register.**
- **Writings and payment must be received by Creative 360 by noon on Tuesday, June 9, 2023 via email as a Word document (strongly preferred). You may snail mail or drop off a copy if email is not available.**

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 your past -1500 words or less
 - Short Story:** Fiction, created from the imagination of the writer - 1500 words or less
 - Poetry:** 1500 words or less
- Works must not have been previously published for the public.
- Each entry must contain a *Sentimental Journeys* entry 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 may request a book of all entries which will be available after awards are announced. Additional hard copies may be purchased for \$5 each.

Fees and Finances

- The entry fee is \$20 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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Remember you may also enter by visiting becreative360.org to register then you can submit your work via email.

Sentimental Journeys ~ Creative Writing Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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, June 23rd.
 Call for an entry or visit the web site for entry forms.
www.becreative360.org or call (989)837-1885.

PAYMENT RECIEVED

