2023 Art & Poetry Project

GWP values the voice of St. Louis area youth! We invite students throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area to contribute art & poetry to be published in a collection that recognizes the amazing talents of the students in our region.

The Ekphrastic Poetry Project began as a celebration of National Poetry Month and has evolved into a collaborative project for St. Louis artists and writers.

An ekphrastic poem focuses on a work of art and the poet's reaction to it. The writing might include vivid description, an interpretation of the piece, or a memory incited by the piece. The writer goes where the art leads them. Poets can focus on the entire piece or just one part. It can be complimentary and glowing -- or critical and suggestive of improvement. All styles of poetry are welcome. Creativity and individual thinking and writing reign.

22-23 Program
August 2022, art collection begins including: sculptures, photographs, paintings and drawings. Submissions should be well-thought out pieces that are finished and print ready. 12 submissions will be chosen from our local student artists for the poetry project. GWP will make the art accessible and distribute to St. Louis area schools to inspire student writing for our April publication. See our form for details: bit.ly/artandpoetry2023

22-23 Deadlines
- October 21, 2022, art collection deadline
- November 2022, artwork dispersed to schools & writing begins
- March 2023, submissions deadline
- April 2023, collection published & celebration!

Any questions?
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