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The 2023 Gordon Parks Museum to feature Poetry Contest

Fort Scott, Kan. May.16, 2023 – The Gordon Parks Museum at Fort Scott Community College, will feature a poetry contest sponsored by poet and Fort Scott native, Helen Townsend and Trabar & Associates. The theme of the contest is "Family, Home and Roots." This event is inspired by Gordon Parks and his love for his family and upbringing.

This is open to any emerging poets who have not yet been published in a book. Poets are invited to capture the essence of the theme.

Emerging poets of any ages and skill level are invited to write a poem for this contest and may enter up to one poem. There will be a first place ($200), second place ($75) and third place ($50) prize and up to five honorable mentions. Winners will be announced at the Gordon Parks Celebration. All poems submitted will be on exhibit during the 20th annual Gordon Parks Celebration on Oct. 5 - 7, 2023. All Poems will also be posted on the Gordon Parks Website and Facebook page.

Judges for the poetry contest will be Traci Brimhall, Kansas Poet Laureate and Kansas State University Professor, Annette Hope Billings, Poet from Topeka, Kansas and Cash Hollistah, Poet from Salina, Kansas.

Poems must be submitted via e-mail to gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu. Poems are limited to one page. All entries should be typed and submitted as a word document only. Attachments (including pdf's, pictures, google docs., etc.) are not accepted. Type or 'copy and paste' your poem into the body of your email. Poets should submit poem in with the title, their name, address, email, and phone number. If under 14 years old please include parent's information. Poems should be received via email by Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the latest.

For more information, email gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or by phone call 223-2700, ext. 5850.

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