

Calling all aspiring writers!

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is hosting its twelfth writing and poetry competition as part of this year's Coal Creek Literary Festival.

The Bert van Bedaf Memorial is a short story competition open to all ages. There is no restriction on topic or genre but stories need to be 500 words. A \$500 prize and trophy will be presented to the winning author. A \$15 entry fee applies per story entered.

Aspiring poets are encouraged to submit an entry to the Open Poetry Prize. Poems can be in free or rhyming verse but must not exceed 20 lines. The poetry competition is also open for all ages with \$200 awarded to the winning entry. A \$10 entry fee applies per poem.

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Coordinator Rowena Ashley is excited about this year's competition.

"The writing and poetry competitions are highlights of the Literary Festival. We are always thrilled with the quality of the entries and the variety of themes that are explored. We are so lucky to have so many talented writers and poets participate," said Ms. Ashley.

Winners will be announced and presented with their prizes at the Literary Festival on Sunday 6 October at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum at 11.45am.

Entry forms can be found on the Literary Festival website www.coalcreekliteraryfestival.com
Entries close Friday 20 September, 2019.

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