

Vermont Maple Festival Poetry Contest

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Entry Deadline: Friday April 10, 2026, by 4PM **Exhibit Dates:** April 14 – April 28, 2026

Theme: *Sweet Taste of Spring*

Three Categories:

- Maple Libs – 8 and under (see Lib Form)
- Kids - Under 18
- Adults

Rules

- Poems must use this year's theme: "**Sweet Taste of Spring**".
- Children **8 and under** may enter our **Maple Libs** category.
 - Maple Lib forms may be picked up at **The Eloquent Page**, downloaded from our [website](#), or obtained [here](#).
- Adults and Children under 18 may submit poems **up to two pages**, or a **two-page excerpt** of a longer work, for their categories.
- Submissions must be **family-friendly** and suitable for display in a public space.
- Late submissions **may or may not** be accepted, depending on circumstances.
- All poems will be **printed and displayed** in the window at
The Eloquent Page, 70 N Main St. St. Albans, VT
- Print submissions must be **clear and readable**.
- Poems may be submitted:
 - by email to books@theeloquentpage.com as a **pdf, OpenOffice or Rich Text Format**, or
 - As printed copies dropped off at **The Eloquent Page**.
- **All entries must include a completed entry form.**

Judging

- Poems will be judged equally on use of two categories:
 - Use of theme
 - literary merit
- **Staff Pick** - The staff of **The Eloquent Page** will read and vote for the **top three poems in each category**.
- **A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** will be awarded in each category.

Usage Rights

- Poems may be posted without compensation on:
St Albans Celebrates National Poetry Month FB page, The Eloquent Page's social media accounts, St. Albans Messenger, Vermont Maple Festival web site, or social media pages
- Authors **retain all other rights** to their poems.

Questions? Contact Donna Howard at (802) 527-7243 or books@theeloquentpage.com

***People's Choice Award** -The public will be invited to read and vote on their favorite poem in each category
<https://www.vtmaplefestival.org/peoples-choice>

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **email:** _____

Entry: _____ **Mad Lib** _____ **18 & Under** _____ **Adult**