

CORTLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CHALLENGE

WRITING ENTRIES

POETRY

Ingrid Parsley by Meghan Aagaard.....1

My daughter Ingrid has been a nature and garden lover from a young age. Fruit plants and vegetable gardens offer a special delight – snacking right in your own backyard! A green world is one where our children can learn to be connected to their food and their environment.

To What, I Refer? by Jerry Casciani.....2

Versus depicting use of the word “green.”

Hold On To Your Green by Nancy Dickerson.....3

This poem is one of many “dog walking” poems based on musings and meditations about trees and seasonal changes. You can feel the rhythm and repetition of a long brisk walk in the fall watching green retreat before winter.

Green Is... by Whitney Hargett.....5

When I think of green, I have an emotional reaction. Green is not only a color that affects our eyes when seeing it; rather green affects all the senses. Since green is able to gain the attention of our five senses, it also is able to create feelings. Those feelings I mention (but not limited to) are: the feeling of being nourished, the feeling of being alive, and the feeling of being soothed.

Green Is by Nancy Rehkugler.....6

“Green Is” lists some possibilities that come to mind with this theme. Ultimately, the poem is about how human beings abuse the environment with little thought to the consequences. The purpose of this poem is to inspire others to live thoughtfully, mindful of the impact of their choices.

My Dad’s Green Thumb by Tom Steger.....7

This poem is a tribute to my hard working dad who instilled a work ethic in me, and a love for gardening that will never end.

An Aversion to All Things Green by Martin A. Sweeney.....9

Why do we like or dislike things – like colors? This poetic narrative attempts to explain the psychological ramifications of an early childhood experience that remains imprinted upon a fictional, adult character’s memory.

The Greenhouse by Martin A. Sweeney.....11

This is a protest in verse of the State of New York’s decision to administer standardized tests to public school children in grades K-2. That policy has since been changed or, as poets put it, re-versed. Notice, too, the word GREEN playfully imbedded through the center through the center of the poem.

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PROSE

Stupid Green by Dale Harris.....12

Green is positive, isn't it? If the studio backs your film, the project's been "greenlighted." Clean air, clean water, recycling, it's good to be green! Greenbacks? Who disapproves of more of those? But, like most aspects of life, green has a dark side and can reveal it most unpleasantly.

Escape to the Green Refuge by Helen L. Leet15

Angie is a middle-aged widow whose husband died of Alzheimer's Disease eight months prior to the time of the story. Since her husband's death, her adult children have felt the need to make all life decisions for her. To regain her independence, she decides to relocate to a small house located on a green in a small town fifty miles from her original home. The house has a lovely green, lush backyard that represents a refuge and oasis for Angie. The village green represents a place where town residents come together to enjoy the atmosphere and to hold special events. Also Angie is "green" at living alone, being a widow, and learning how to exert her own independence with her grown children.