

CORTLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CHALLENGE

WRITING ENTRIES

POETRY

- Runaway** by Donna and Mark Atwood.....1
To young lovers, staying in a relationship or choosing to flee is often a matter of perspective. If one chooses FLIGHT, the decision is often not without a cost. Weighing all the options and making tough choices might easily be done while on a flight home.
- The Night Crows** by Nancy Dickerson2
My poems often come from my daily dog walks. This poem reflects one of our night outings in the middle of winter. Flight is detected first by sound, then sight, and hopefully you will feel what I felt on that night.
- The Courtship** by Lynn Arthur Koch.....3
My poem, "The Courtship," (a meditation on the flight of swallows) is a confluence of nature and music reflecting my life experiences, both seasonally and daily. The poem mentions the musical form "invention," which is a two-voice composition in imitative counterpoint.
- Flight Planes with Anne Morrow Lindbergh** by Beth MacRae3
Though Anne Morrow Lindbergh's 1929 marriage to world-renowned aviator Charles Lindbergh survived forty-some tumultuous years, we now know she twice fell in love with other men: French aviator-author Antoine de Saint-Exupery in 1939 and internist Dana W. Atchley in 1956.
- Cracked Eggs – Splintered Shells** by Bill Lee.....4
Humans have always marveled at the birds' ability to defy gravity and soar into the sky. The narrator explores the universe through the eyes of a fledgling preparing for flight.
- Flight of the Feathered Fliers** by John E. Lutz.....7
I've defined flight as aerial navigation. It's specifically related to birds, one of our most watched wild animals. In this free verse poem, words do not rhyme or have a regular meter. Rather, they try to invoke word pictures to stimulate the reader's imagination to mentally see birds fly.
- First Flight** by James Pfrehm8
- If They Only Knew** by Linda Contento Schmidt.....10
Not only does the expressed sentiment take place while in flight, it describes the feeling of a woman's heart soaring in anticipation of seeing her lover.
- Absence of Flight** by Tom Steger.....10
- Why They Flee** by Nancy Rehkugler.....12
I noticed in the paper that the next Community Arts Challenge was on the theme *Flight*. Later that day, I happened to notice in the news that the current administration ended protected status for immigrants seeking asylum from a host of nations. That made me curious about why these people flee.
- My Dream Flight** by Doris Still.....13
Sometimes the happiness we experience in the daytime, reflects in beautiful flights of dreams and fantasy that transport us through the universe and return us to our loved ones.
- Transcendence** by Martin A. Sweeney.....14
On the printed page this poem is meant to be read from the bottom up. The poem is a metaphor for spiritual uplift, release, and flight from the political and quotidian cares of the world.

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She Flew High by Priscilla Berggren-Thomas.....15

We speak of flying away, flying above, which imply escape. Some days, most days even, what is required of us is endurance, or standing strong, or fighting on. More than flying away, some days we must fly to, or fly through. This is a story of finding the strength to do just that.

Call Me Baba Yaga by Deborah Goemans.....17

“Call me Baba Yaga” is an essay about learning how to cope in the Empty Nest after my children flew off to their own lives.

Joy Ride by Frank Kelly.....20

A bullied teen steals a car trying to gain status, only to be caught. His estranged father bails him out and arranges self-defense training by a friend who’s faced similar issues, knowing his son won’t accept him as a role model.

[Memoir - with significant details modified to fit theme}

Flight to Freedom by Helen Leet.....21

This is a story of a Palestinian family living in Syria, who makes the decision to flee their country and seek asylum in Greece. Millions have made this flight. This story uses a definition of “flight” that is, “the act of fleeing or attempting to escape.” “an exit or exodus.”

The ABC’s of Flight by Cecile Swift Lippitt.....24

The “ABC’s of Flight” is a work of creative nonfiction. It is in essence my thought on the theme of “flight” alphabetically arranged.

Flight by Lynn Olcott.....27

This story celebrates the theme of “flight” as pursuit of a creative talent lifting off in an unlikely way.

Why I am an Infrequent Flyer! by Gerald Rehkugler.....28

This is a personal story of selected commercial airline flight experiences. It is a literal interpretation of physical flights and the unusual events I have encountered as an infrequent flyer.

Take Flight by Laurie T. Seamans.....30

Death is a process that happens in stages, culminating in a final release of the spirit from the physical body.

Someone must literally open the window to release the spirit out of the world so that it is not trapped forever.

The Flight of a Monarch Butterfly by Marian Strang.....32

The life cycle of a monarch butterfly is described from the point of view of one butterfly, followed by a description of the subsequent life cycles needed to complete the yearly monarch butterfly migration.

The Flight by Jim Weiss.....35

DRAMA: This play can be read on our website at CortlandArtsChallenge.org

It’s Only Gramma: How Time Flies by Greg Moller

Sam is extremely close with his grandmother, despite her old-world values. As a busy young professional, however, he doesn’t always have time for her endless gossip. In a single phone call, Sam learns how time, life and the people we love can fly from us in an instant.