

CALL FOR ENTRY  
OBJECT POETRY 2018  
No fee for entry.

Although utility is often the motivation for collecting objects, we are also motivated by memory associations, aesthetic considerations, and emotional resonance as driving forces when we amass our collection of our precious things. These associative qualities connecting objects to our humanity are often best expressed through poetry, and so the OBJECT POETRY exhibition was conceived.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, April 2018.

Timeline:

Deadline for entry: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Notifications: Friday, March 2

Shipped objects to arrive by: Monday, March 12

(Include return postage and reusable packaging)

Hand Delivery: March 12, 13, 14 from 9 am. to 5 p.m. or by appointment

Exhibition dates: March 19 - June 30

closing/dismantling/return of objects July 9 – 13

OBJECT POETRY

The Skylight Gallery in the Library at Governors State University and OBJECT POETRY invite participants to pair an object with a poem for display from March 19 to June 30, 2018.

By using ordinary objects presented in specific ways and paired with text, the viewer is given a puzzle to solve and a world to create or discover.

For the OBJECT:

- A Found Object – already exists, commonly available, (One of a kind, handmade objects are also accepted)
- valued at or purchased for approximately \$50 or less, naturally occurring or man-made.
- Approximately 10-12 inches or smaller in any direction, not to exceed 20 inches in any direction.
- NO perishable, hazardous, fragile or highly valuable materials.

For the POETRY:

- May be written by the participant or another author; identify and credit the author.
- The poem – one 8.5x11 page preferred (two-page maximum)

To Enter:

- Send an email to [artsgrad@govst.edu](mailto:artsgrad@govst.edu) by midnight of Thursday, March 1, 2018.
- Subject: Object Poetry

- Attachments:
  - word doc of a poem (1 – 2 pages) include author's name;
  - jpeg picture of proposed object.
- Message: in the message of the email please include a brief description of what inspired you to pair the object with the poem, your name and contact information.

Notifications: via email on Friday, March 2, 2018

Delivery options:

If accepted, please either hand deliver or mail the object and poem to:

Jeff Stevenson  
Visual Arts Gallery, Governors State University  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

Shipped work should arrive by Monday March 12

Hand deliveries can be made from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M/T/W March 12, 13 and 14. (or by appointment – email [artsgrad@govst.edu](mailto:artsgrad@govst.edu) to make an appointment.

Return of objects: July 9-13 participants will be notified of hours for pick-up of objects or return shipping for pre-paid arrangements.

By submitting an email entry, the participant agrees to policies of the Visual Arts Gallery and Governors State University, and those described in OBJECT POETRY. No objects will be for sale; all objects are delivered and returned at the expense of the participant; although best gallery practices will be followed and care will be taken to reasonably safeguard the objects from theft or damage, the participant enters the exhibition at their own risk.