

“In The Village”

The Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Writing Competition 2011

“There are the tops of all the elm trees in the village and there, beyond them, the long green marshes, so fresh, so salt. Then the Minas Basin, with the tide halfway in or out, the wet red mud glazed with sky blue until it meets the creeping lavender-red water. In the middle of the view, like one hand of a clock pointing straight up, is the steeple of the Presbyterian church. We are in the ‘Maritimes’ but all that means is we live by the sea”

Elizabeth Bishop, “In the Village”



“In the Village”: The Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Writing Competition, 2011, is a one-time, short prose writing competition sponsored by the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia to celebrate her 100th birthday. Inspired by her story “In the Village,” this competition asks participants to write about their own sense of place and identity, to tap experience, memory and imagination, the sources of art. Entries can be autobiographical or fictional, prose stories. The idea is for each writer to explore or describe feelings, things, people or events about home and family, place and time, which have affected their life and connect them to the world.

The Writing Competition will be officially launched on **September 15, 2010**. Entries will be accepted until **March 15, 2011**. Judging will occur during April and May. Winners will be announced on **June 15, 2011**. Prizes will be awarded at a three-day Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Writers’ Festival in Great Village, N.S., **August 19-21, 2011**. Winners and all competition participants are invited to attend the festival, but must do so at their own expense. Winners will receive their prizes and read their winning submissions. If winners are unable to attend, prizes will be shipped.

Categories:

Elementary (Grades 4-6) – 500 words maximum

Junior High (Grades 7-9) – 1000 words maximum

Senior High (Grades 10-12) – 1500 words maximum

Post-Secondary – 2000 words maximum

Open (19 years and older) – 2000 words maximum

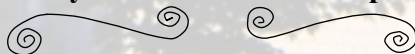
Guidelines and Entry Form can be found on the EBSNS website: www.elizabethbishopns.org

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