



Think in Ink—Make Your Mark

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Current and Former NDSU Students All High School Students

Sydney Olstad, the editor-in-chief for Volume 11, has announced that the theme for this year's issue is *Destinations*:

When we think of destinations, a lot of us think about progression. Progression can represent itself in several ways. It can be shown through pursuing personal goals, physical or spiritual journeys, or some kind of landing place for ourselves. However you think about destinations, it is important to acknowledge and pursue the paths you seek to follow full force.

Through this unique theme, we hope to challenge writers to explore the word “destinations” in a deeper meaning. Take this simple, yet powerful word and apply it to your life in the most emotional, perceptive, and adventurous way possible. Dare to let your mind think the impossible. *Northern Eclecta* wants to hear what “destinations” means to you. We hope this theme ignites your creativity and encourages you to submit your stories, including: fiction, nonfiction, poems, quick takes, and visual works. As a whole, we will be able to reflect and expand on what this word means to us.

All current and former NDSU students—as well as all high school students—are encouraged to submit original work in the categories listed below. We encourage submissions in multiple categories. We publish only one fiction story, one creative nonfiction essay, or one poem per submitter; however, we sometimes print multiple very short submissions from the same contributor.

- **FICTION:** Plays and screenplays as well as short stories are welcome. Generally the maximum length that we publish is about 3500 words; in some cases, we have printed an excerpt from a longer work. We welcome all lengths including flash fiction. Please submit no more than 3 fiction stories.
- **CREATIVE NONFICTION:** Although based on fact, creative nonfiction typically uses literary devices such as dialogue, description, and possibly symbolism to tell a story. This category includes but is not limited to genres such as personal essays, memoirs, and travel writing. Again, the maximum length that we usually publish is about 3500 words; in some cases we have printed an excerpt of a longer work. We welcome all lengths including flash nonfiction. Please submit no more than 3 nonfiction essays.
- **POETRY:** We welcome all types and lengths. Please submit no more than 4 poems that are 10 lines or longer.
- **QUICK TAKES:** This category includes very short fiction and nonfiction such as six-word stories; other very short prose pieces; poetry forms such as haiku, tanka, and acrostic (vertical); and other very short poems (fewer than 10 lines). Experimental works are also welcome. You can submit any number of these.
- **VISUAL ARTS:** We also publish photographs and artwork. Please submit no more than 3 photographs and/or 3 works of art. Save image files as high-resolution .jpg or .tiff files (or ask if you have something in a different format).

Deadline for All Submissions
Wednesday, March 29, at 11:59 pm

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK

Simultaneous submissions to other journals are fine as long as they are identified as such and we are notified immediately upon acceptance elsewhere.

Preparing Written Categories:

1. Please type the name of the category at the top of the first page (i.e. Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Quick Takes).
2. Save these submissions as MS Word files or as .rtf or .txt files.
3. Each fiction, nonfiction, and poetry submission should be submitted as a separate file; however, multiple submissions in the quick takes category may be included in the same file.

Preparing Visual Arts Submissions:

1. Save image files as high-resolution .jpg or .tiff files (or ask if you have something in a different format).
2. Please include a title for each of these by either naming the file with the title and/or by including the title of the image(s) in your email message.

Submitting your work:

- Send a message to this email address:

NDSU.WriteStuff@ndsu.edu

- In the subject line of your message, type: **Share Your Story**
- Include this information in the email message:
 1. Name:
 2. Please indicate whether you are a current or a former NDSU student—or if you are high school student. If you are a high school student, please tell us which high school
 3. Preferred contact email address:
 4. Telephone #:
- Attach your document file(s) and/or image file(s) to your message. If necessary due to the size of your files, please send multiple email messages.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your submission within 3-5 days. Notice of acceptance or rejection will be sent to your email address by sometime in early May.

By submitting your work, you are verifying that your work is original (produced by you and not plagiarized) and that you have the right to distribute the material.

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