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## *~ Call to Poets ~*

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Yes, you read that correctly -- CHOCTOBERFEST is coming this fall. It will celebrate ART + CHOCOLATE in events around Plymouth during the month of October. Venues will include the Spire Center for the Performing Arts, the Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth Bay Winery, and more. Details to come in the following weeks. Right now, as part of the upcoming festivities, we are issuing a **CALL TO POETS!**

Are you a poet who is also a chocolate lover or all-around foodie? Do you relish in relating a tale of death by chocolate, or perhaps it was those secret midnight munchies that you regret most, or maybe you were just desperate for the dough and had no choice. We want to hear your best chocolate or food-themed poetry! All poets, from any town, are welcome to participate. Ten semifinalists will be notified ahead of time and must be present and able to read their work at the event. Three winners will be announced at the event. One first-place prize of \$100 to be awarded; two runner-up prizes of \$50 to be awarded at the event.

**Event date:** Saturday, October 11, 12:00–3:00pm

**Event location:** Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25½ Court St., Plymouth

**Submission deadline:** **midnight August 1, 2025.** There is no entry fee. Limit one poem per person.

**Submission guidelines:** Central to the poem theme must be an item of chocolate or other food. File attachment of poem must be a Microsoft Word (.DOCX) file, one page only. No contact info should appear on your poem page.

**Emails must include in the body of your email:** (1) Your name (2) Your address (3) Your phone no. (4) Your email address and (5) Title of your poem.

**Email Subject line must include:** “Eat Your Words: Chocolate & Poetry” (without it attachments will not be opened).

**Email to Contest Coordinator:** Louisa Clerici, [louisaclerici@comcast.net](mailto:louisaclerici@comcast.net)

Your poem will be sent to the judges without your name to insure anonymity. We will acknowledge all submissions by email, after received. Three judges (announced at event) will include restaurant, literary, and library insiders.