

**2014 Gala Judging Form: Poetry**  
**Black Hills Writers Group**

**Scoring:**

- 5: Excellent and publishable quality
- 4: Good
- 3: Competent but not polished. Average
- 2: Fair
- 1: Poor. Recommend significant rewrite
- 0: Missing/lacking element

Poem Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Theme: The poem fits the theme of "Family."
- \_\_\_\_\_ The poem's focus is clear and has impact.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use of rhythm, meter or free verse is sophisticated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Figurative language is used artfully.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The reader is emotionally engaged throughout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The quality of word choice is economical and sophisticated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The level of language is skillfully adapted to suit the intended audience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The organization of lines and stanzas creates a single strong impression.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mechanics: The poem is free of punctuation, spelling, grammatical and formatting errors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ How much did you love this poem?

**Recommend** **Don't Recommend**

10      9      8      7      6      5      4      3      2      1      0

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL SCORE (50 possible points)      Judge's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

(Judges, please post comments on the back of your score sheet if you don't have enough room on the front. Requests to authors for editing will come from those comments, so if you recommend this piece, be sure to include suggestions for improvement as well as areas of weakness. Thanks.)