



To: The Falmouth Community

From: Museums on the Green of the Falmouth Historical Society

Re: 2026 Katharine Lee Bates Poetry Contest

For twenty-five years, we have honored Falmouth's famous poet, Katharine Lee Bates, author of the patriotic poem "America the Beautiful." The Falmouth Historical Society will hold its 27th annual Katharine Lee Bates Poetry Fest featuring winners of the student and adult poetry contests. We invite you to help us honor Katharine Lee Bates by entering the contest.

Entrants may submit one original poem about a topic of their choice. There is no specific theme. The poems (unsigned) must be accompanied by a completed entry form (copy as needed). The deadline for entry is Friday, May 1st, 2026. Contest winners will be notified by early June with an invitation to read their prize-winning poem at the Poetry Fest. The festival will include adults and children who are judged in their own respective categories.

2026 Katharine Lee Bates Poetry Fest

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM

**Cultural Center of the Museums on the Green of the Falmouth Historical Society
(55 Palmer Ave., Falmouth; parking at GPS 35 Katharine Lee Bates Road).**

Each winner will receive gift card(s) and a printed copy of a booklet with all of the winning poems. School libraries and the Falmouth Public Library will also receive the booklet, and additional booklets will be available for sale for those who might like to purchase them.

We hope you will participate in this exciting opportunity!

The Falmouth Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, national origin or sexual orientation.

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Executive Director