



Call for Art and Call for Poetry



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An Art Show and Poetry Reading

The Thing with Feathers – Hope; What brings you light and lifts you up?

This is a collaborative effort between [West Central Behavioral Health](#) and [AVA Gallery and Art Center](#) in Lebanon, NH to celebrate May as National Mental Health Awareness Month with a month-long art show from April 15 – May 20 that wraps up its final weekend with a poetry reading on Saturday, May 14th afternoon at the AVA Gallery.

The art exhibit and poetry reading titles share the title, "The Thing with Feathers" from Emily Dickinson's "Hope" poem. The theme for both exhibit and reading is: "Hope; what brings you light and lifts you up?"

West Central seeks submissions of up to 3 pages of poetry by March 31. You can submit as 1, 2, or 3 poems. AVA Gallery also seeks visual artwork submissions reflecting the above theme. See details on the AVA Gallery website at: <https://avagallery.org/exhibitions/call-for-artists/> for AVA's Call to Artists page. Scroll down past the first Call to Artists posting to see the Call to Visual Artists and the Call to Poets for this art exhibit and poetry reading.

For poetry submissions:

Include your name and email address in a Word doc or pdf doc that contains your poetry

Submit up to 3 pages of your original poetry as 1, 2, or 3 poems

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Submission Deadline: March 31, 2022

Email your poetry to: dcelone@wcbh.org

Use "Hope Poem" in your email Subject line

Add the reading of May 14, 2022 at AVA Gallery to your calendar (exact time is TBD but likely mid-afternoon, with a cocktail reception to follow -- and please join us whether you read or not!)

You'll be notified by end of April if your poetry is accepted

For visual art submissions:

Visit the AVA Gallery Call to Artists web page at: <https://avagallery.org/exhibitions/call-for-artists/>

Questions about poetry? Contact Dave Celone at dcelone@wcbh.org. Thank you!