



**Benicia Literary Arts announces an open call for submissions for
*Carquinez Review, Edition III.***

Carquinez Review is an anthology dedicated to prose, poetry, and visual art. Here's an opportunity for our members and friends of literature and art to contribute their best work to our anthology.

We're looking for work that moves us and makes us think. We value focus and clarity of vision, deep thinking, good writing, and a sense of orientation to time and place. New as well as established writers and artists are welcome. A separate call will be sent to artists in the community.

When to submit:

The open call begins July 1 and ends August 31. Submissions received after August 31 will not be read.

Things to know when submitting:

- All submissions undergo a blind review by a panel of accomplished writers. The evaluation process is based on merit. Successful applicants will be notified in advance of publication.
- Writing should be previously unpublished in any permanent form; however, an exception will be made for brief social media showings or readings on air. The author must have rights to any submission.
- We consider only work written in English or translated into English.
- Simultaneous submissions are permitted. If your submission is accepted elsewhere, please contact us with a quick withdrawal note.
- Publication is scheduled for Spring 2024

How to submit:

- Only digital submissions will be accepted. No paper!
- Submissions should be a Word document, in Times New Roman, 12-point font.
- Please limit submissions to 5,000 words or less for prose. Two or three short pieces may be submitted as long as the total length doesn't exceed 5,000 words.
- Poetry limit is four poems, each of which should have 38 or fewer lines.
- There is a non-refundable \$5.00 charge per submission.
- Author's name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript.

- Go to our website: benicialiteraryarts.org. Click on the Submission tab. Pay the \$5 fee and send us your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. Submit the manuscript as an attachment.
- You may also submit the manuscript as above and mail us a check if you prefer.
- Please do not contact us about your submission. We will contact you.
- Please send only one submission.

Purchasing rights:

By submitting, writers grant BLA permission to publish their work and acknowledge that BLA is currently a non-paying market. Copyright goes to the author. BLA requires first-time North American publishing rights and retains the right to reprint accepted submissions in subsequent online anthologies even after publication rights have reverted to the author.

BLA asks that any reprints give first publication credit to Benicia Literary Arts. Each contributor receives one complimentary copy of the issue their work appears in.

We want you to know we also are writers who submit work into the void. We get intimidated; we fear rejection. So, please know that your words will be shown respect, and reviewed with eyes that—like yours—stare at the submit button for too long before nervous fingers finally click send. We thank you.

We look forward to reading your work!