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Kids' poetry contest entries due Jan. 31

WESTPORT, WASH. — WESTPORT, Wash. — The Westport Maritime Museum is sponsoring a Kids' poetry contest with the theme "Winter on Our Coast." The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Submit a brief poem with your name, age, address and

email or phone to:

Poetry Contest, Westport Maritime Museum
PO Box 1074, Westport, WA, 98595

Or submit your poem to operations@westportmaritimemuseum.com.

Nine cash prizes will be awarded for the first- (\$25),

second- (\$15) and third-place (\$10) winners in each category: elementary school, middle school and high school.

In addition, all winners will receive two free guest passes to the museum or lighthouse. The winning poems will be published in the museum's newsletter, "The Foghorn."

Manzanita Writers' Series offers new online workshop

MANZANITA — Is one of your New Year's resolutions to write more? To write weekly? Looking for a "surge" to your writing? Looking to improve the craft and frequency of your writing? Join the new online writing workshop "MWS Surge," the newest offering from HoffOnline.

If you've ever wanted to be part of a regular writing workshop group but can't seem to make time or fit other people's schedules into your own, or would simply prefer to write at home but with feedback, here's your chance!

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 16, the Manzanita Writers' Series will offer a new online workshop group.

"MWS Surge: Forward Momentum for Your Writing" will include up to eight writers, and will be led by authors Jennie Shortridge and Megan Kruse. Each author will cover four weeks of the eight-week sessions. There will be one break for



COURTESY MEGAN KRUSE
Author Megan Kruse

the week of Feb. 12.

Every week, the writing of two students will be reviewed with both teacher and students providing feedback. Each student will submit two works of writing, five to 15 double-spaced pages each, over the eight weeks.

The key to workshop groups, especially with a writing teacher involved, is that each student learns not only from the critiques of their own work, but from the workshopping of everyone's work. In fact, most people would say that you actually learn more from workshop-

Whether you are working on a novel, short stories, memoir or essay, this critique group will support your writing.

The fee for the eight weeks is \$179 and can be paid online at hoffmanblog.org. Remember: Registrations will max out at eight students, so register soon!

The Manzanita Writers' Series is a program of the Hoffman Center for the Arts. More information is available at hoffmanblog.org, or contact Kathie Hightower



COURTESY JENNIE SHORTRIDGE
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Shortridge and Kruse

Our two teachers have been featured readers at the Manzanita Writers' Series and were part of our first Writer's Retreat in 2017.

Shortridge is the author of five novels, including "Love Water Memory" and "When She Flew," and numerous magazine articles and essays. Her novels have been translated into foreign languages, optioned for film and television, and selected as Indie Next and Library Journal's Editors' Picks.

Kruse's work has appeared widely in journals and anthologies, and her debut novel, "Call Me Home," was released from Hawthorne Books, with an introduction by Elizabeth Gilbert. She teaches fiction at Eastern Oregon University's low-residency MFA program, Hugo House and Gotham Writers Workshop. She was the recipient of a 2016 Pacific Northwest Book Award and one of the National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" for 2015.

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