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Working to manage and promote the wise use of natural resources in Hamilton County since 1965.

Bob Tice Memorial Arbor Day Poetry Contest (the 17th Annual)

Eligibility Requirements

- People of all ages may participate.
- One entry per person.

Poem Criteria

1. Compose a terza rima poem based on the theme *the life of a tree*.
2. Tercets (3-line groupings) with the rhyme scheme aba, bcb, cdc, ded, ee. The poem may have any number of tercets. The final stanza is a couplet, repeating the rhyme of the middle line of the previous tercet. An example follows below.
3. The poem must be original and handwritten or typed. Colorful poems and additional media are encouraged.
4. On the back of your entry, include your name, phone number, mailing address, and email address.

Ode to the West Wind by Percy Bysshe Shelley

O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being, (a)
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead (b)
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing, (a)

Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red, (b)
Pestilence-stricken multitudes: O thou, (c)
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed (b)

The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low, (c)
Each like a corpse within its grave, until (d)
Thine azure sister of the Spring shall blow (c)

Her clarion o'er the dreaming earth, and fill (d)
(Driving sweet buds like flocks to feed in air) (e)
With living hues and odours plain and hill: (d)

Wild Spirit, which art moving everywhere; (e)
Destroyer and preserver; hear, oh hear! (e)

Submission Requirements

- Entry deadline: April 25, 2025.
- Submission options:
 1. Mail to Hamilton County SWCD, PO BOX 166, Lake Pleasant NY 12108
 2. Email to caitlin@hamcoswcd.org
 3. Drop off at the District office
- Name, mailing address, email address must be included on back of poem.

Judging

Poems will be judged on originality, creativity, and relevance to theme.

Arbor Day Awards Gala

All participants are cordially invited to the Arbor Day Awards Gala on May 9, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at the CVW Long Lake Public Library (1195 Main Street, Long Lake, NY 12847). Certificates and prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served.

***Celebrate National Arbor Day on April 25, 2025.
Good luck, have fun, and Happy Arbor Day!***