

# Write a Ballad For Pioneer Craft Day



## Contest Rules and Entry Form

The Ballad Contest is sponsored by the Manitoulin Writer's Circle, in conjunction with the Central Manitoulin Historical Society and Jack's Agricultural Museum. There will be one first place winner and five honourable mentions. The first place ballad will be published in the Manitoulin Expositor. All six winners will receive free admission on Pioneer Craft Day, and a Scenic Manitoulin Calendar 2010. The winning ballads will be read aloud at the Pioneer Craft Day festivities in Mindemoya on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Submissions from all ages are welcome. Judges' decisions are final.

Deadline for submissions: Monday, June 15, 2009

Fee: \$5 per entry

**Format:** The ballads may be written in traditional quatrains or in six-line verses. The quatrains will have a rhyme scheme of abab, abcb or aabb. The six-line verses will also have a rhyme scheme. Some part or parts of the ballad will have direct speech.

**Content:** The ballad will tell a story set in the timeframe of 1860 to 1940 with at least part of it taking place on Manitoulin Island.

**Length:** The maximum length is determined by the amount of time it takes to read the ballad aloud. The ballad reading time should not exceed 5 minutes.

For more information call: 705-377-4045

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### Entry Form for Ballad Contest

Please complete this form and mail it with your ballad entry/entries and \$5 cheque per entry to:

Manitoulin Writer's Circle, P.O. Box 79, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of ballad: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am the author of this entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature