

# **THE WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT FRIENDS OF CEDARMERE**

## **2023 POET-IN-RESIDENCE SEARCH**

The Friends of Cedarmere are pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for the 2023 Poet-In-Residence Program

William Cullen Bryant's home Cedarmere is set on 7 acres on Hempstead Harbor, with stunning natural beauty, listed on the National Historic Register. Its association with Bryant (1794-1878), America's first poet, makes it an ideal place for a poet to write. It is located on Long Island at 225 Bryant Avenue, Roslyn Harbor, New York 11576.

From "The Poet"

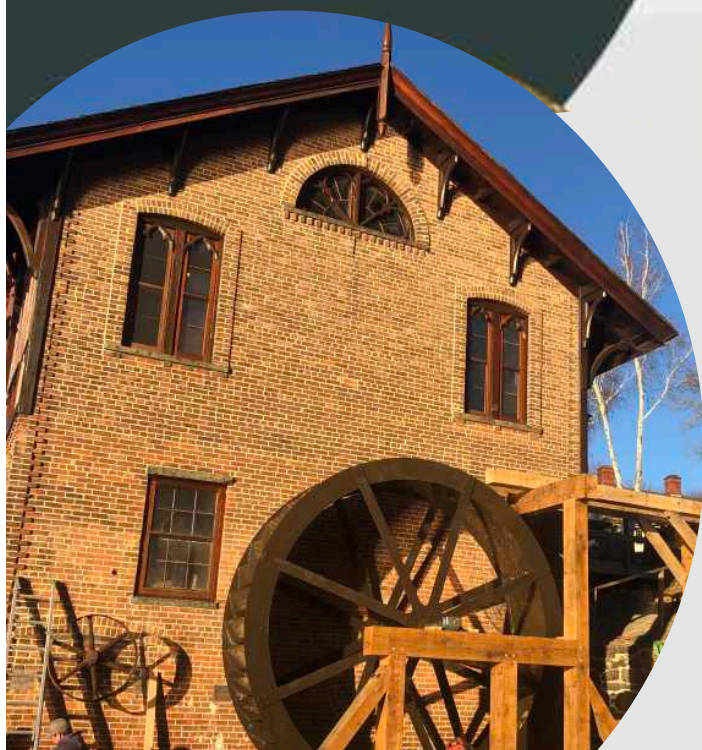
Then, who wouldst wear the name  
Of poet mid thy brethren of mankind,  
And clothe in words of flame

Thoughts that shall live within the general mind:  
Deem not the framing of a deathless lay  
The pastime of a drowsy summer day.

But gather all thy powers,  
And wreak them on the verse that though dost weave,  
And in thy lonely hours,

At silent morning or at wakeful eve,  
While the warm current tingles through thy veins,  
Set forth the burning words in fluent strains.

Written in Bryant's Cedarmere library in 1864



**Time:** Two weeks in August 2023 to be selected in consultation with the Friends of Cedarmere.

**Arrangements:** The Friends of Cedarmere will provide office space open to Bryant's historic library and a stipend of \$1,250. *(No living space or meals will be provided.)*

**Applicants:** Poets living on Long Island with a significant record of publication and experience leading poetry workshops should apply.

**Application Process:** Applications will be accepted by email only and must include a resume, a writing sample of five to seven poems, and a statement of purpose indicating how the residence will be used. Applications as well as questions should be sent to Robert Sargent, Poetry Administrator ([robertbsargent@aol.com](mailto:robertbsargent@aol.com))

**Judge:** Applications will be judged by the distinguished poet, critic and translator Judith Baumel, Professor Emeritus of English and Founding Director of Creative Writing at Adelphi University. She has served as Fulbright Scholar to Italy, the president of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs and the director of The Poetry Society of America. Her books of poetry are: The Weight of Numbers, for which she received The Walt Whitman Prize Award of the Academy of American Poets, Now, The Kangaroo Girl, Passeggiate, and Thorny.

**Deadline:** The deadline for applications is May 1, 2023, with the winner announced on June 1.

**Responsibilities:** The successful applicant will give a public reading and offer a poetry writing workshop for local poets. The poet will write a report about the experience and will be required to indicate the William Cullen Bryant-Friends of Cedarmere 2023 Poet-in-Residence Award in any related publication.

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