

Western Illinois University Women's Center
Women's History Month, March 2009
Women's Art: Women's Vision Women's Voices Journal
Submission Guidelines

Various oppressions have long suppressed, silenced and obscured women's creative voices. Women have struggled to express their creative selves throughout time, often facing both internal and external hardships in order to be heard and known. Despite the major strides women have made in their personal and organized movements toward visibility and equality as writers and artists, they still face oppressive barriers against their right to express themselves freely. Beyond this, women deserve to have an equal place in the literary and art worlds, just as they deserve to have an equal place in their homes and workspaces. In an effort to recognize and celebrate the creative written expressions of modern women from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and individualities, the WIU Women's Center is accepting submissions for its second annual publication of the *Women's Art: Women's Vision: Women's Voices Journal*.

The journal will be released in April as part of National Poetry Month. As a journal celebrating women's creative voices, we will only be accepting creative pieces by women. We will be accepting submissions from all women, including, but not limited to, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

The general guidelines for submission are as follows:

- ♀ Submissions of short fiction/non-fiction, poetry, personal essays, reviews, research articles, editorials, and biographical sketches will be considered
- ♀ A maximum of three creative pieces may be submitted per person
- ♀ Poetry submissions should be no more than 32 lines*
- ♀ Other submissions should not exceed 1,000 words*
- ♀ Submissions must be carefully typewritten and edited (Times New Roman, 12* pt. font, single spaced)
- ♀ Submissions will be accepted until Monday, February 16, 2009

**NOTE: Poems of more than 32 lines and other submissions longer than 1,000 words may be submitted and will be considered depending on available space. We reserve the right to reduce the font to 11 pt. if necessary to fit poems or other pieces on one or two pages.*

Each submission must also include the following information:

- First and last name
- Age and occupation and/or major (*optional)
- Title(s) of piece(s)
- Number of lines or words
- Medium used (or any relevant classifications and requests) for submitted piece
- Phone number, local address and e-mail address
- Short bio (approximately two to five lines) for inclusion in the journal "About the Authors" section

Please submit carefully edited work (including spelling, punctuation and grammar) in the form in which you wish to have it printed should it be accepted for publication. There is no entry fee per submitted work. Please e-mail submissions to the WIU Women's Center at womenscenter@wiu.edu no later than Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. Works will be peer-reviewed by committee members. Writers will be contacted and notified of acceptance or denial of work by Monday, March 2, 2009. Upon acceptance, writers will be notified of any changes made by the editing team. The journal will be printed and distributed in April, 2009.

Please note: The inclusion of work in this journal does not constitute a formal publication and all rights will revert back to the authors.

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