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JURIED POETRY EXHIBIT: NEW GROWTH

Welcome! We hope you enjoy this poetry selection from Niagara-based Faith Arts members, written in various styles and vantage points. The unity and continuity of this show is found within its theme and faith in Jesus Christ.

THE POETS And their Poetry



Ullie Kowcun began writing as a young girl, bringing her imaginations to life with her pen. As an adult, she learned of the

profound power and influence words can have. She writes in a raw, vulnerable, and empathic style and seeks to build connections with her readers by offering hope through her relatable and thought-provoking pieces. She has two printed poetry books. mercyandgrace29@gmail.com



Kevin McCabe is a poet, writer, and former university instructor. He began writing verse as a teenager, offering his first collection in 1979.

He writes chiefly in rhymed metre mainly on nature, love, children's verse, political satire, and personal faith reflections. He published a collection of his Canadian poems on the 150th anniversary of Canada in 2017. He has edited a number of books of literature and judged several poetry collections and contests. Contact: kmccabe57@hotmail.com



Heidi Goertz is a poet, musician, lyricist, and a published author for various in-house magazines. Heidi finds inspiration for her

poetry from the struggle of this present world, while letting the Word of God be the examiner of how she responds to those tensions. She has written poetry since childhood and can often be found singing her songs to friends and family. Heidi is currently a paralegal, licensed by the Law Society of Ontario. Hope2834@gmail.com



Mary Grace van der Kroef is a poet and writer, who enjoys the simple things in life, like a good cup of coffee or heart-to-heart talks with friends.

She uses her writing to highlight those simple things, encourage others, and explore her own inner world. Mary Grace believes every person, regardless of circumstances, is a creative being whose stories are important and cherishes people's differences, and believes diverse stories are imperative to understanding what it is to be human. She has two printed poetry books.



Lorenda Harder is a poet, artist and educator. She began writing in earnest as a young adult, after her mentor, George

Amabile, helped her find her voice. Writing poems became a place of personal healing from early trauma as she expressed both the pain of suffering, and eventually, resilience and recovery. In recent years, her inspirations often inculcate specific theological applications and inspirations from nature. Lorenda has three printed poetry books.



Alexander Hobbs is completing a certificate at Heritage College and Seminary and has been writing poetry since his

mid-teens. His building collection of poetry seeks to capture, process and integrate meaningful memories, nature, new experiences, knowledge, and ideas, including Scripture. Alexander also enjoys hikes, volleyball with friends, and plays in a worship band. alexanderjj02@gmail.com

THE JURORS And the Selection Process

The jurors selected submissions based on the suitability of the theme and craftsmanship. The poets' names were kept anonymous and no one judged their own poems.

Deb Elkink MA BA (Theology), is a Published, award-winning author of literary fiction and a stylistic & copy editor.

Kevin McCabe Ph.D. (Classics), BA, is a retired English instructor, published poet, and independent writing and editing professional.

Alexander Hobbs is completing a Certificate at Heritage College & Seminary, and is a poet, and musician.

Lorenda Harder BFA B.Ed, Certificate in religious studies, published poet, artist, & educator.

Mary Grace van der Kroef is a published poet & writer.

If YOU would like to exhibit with Faith Arts or join us at our arts meets-ups, text or leave a phone message for Lorenda at 289-783-1545. FAITHARTS.ORG

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