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BAD POETRY NIGHT

Venue: **Skeena Diversity Centre**
Fri, Sep 30 at 6 pm
Potluck dinner & poetry reading

"Come with your creative juices and hear the best of the worst spontaneously creative nitwits. Offer your own attempts and wallow in the 'boo's and hisses of the appreciative crowd."

"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."

(Henry Van Dyke, famous old American philosopher dude, dead long time now)

DEFINITION Bad Poetry; = spontaneously created poetry that, although it may or may not be excellent in rhyme, rhythm and timber, treats the art form as a play-thing rather than as a serious, maudlin, self-gratification technique for the self-indulgent, neurotically driven, humorless wieners of the world.

DICTATORIAL STANDARDS

1. Family oriented fun; keep it clean. No sexually explicit language. That's not to say sex is taboo, so long as it's referred to with a nod to social modesty. Keep the cussing to a modest level too.
2. Racial, religious and culturally derogatory terms must be avoided unless VERY obviously used in a context that de-toxifies it. Again, "moderation".
3. Keep in mind, this is "Bad Poetry". Show your appreciation with hisses and 'Boo's.
4. The cost of admission is to bring some pot-luck grub. Preferably something sweet my spouse wouldn't let me eat at home.
5. Can be classic in nature, using rhyme and rhythm, or in the form of a lyric, or a haiku, and if you really, REALLY must, then you can even offer something in that insipid modern style that doesn't rhyme, has no rhythm and is more akin to prose than poetry, but what the hey...go ahead.
6. Limit each poem to NO MORE than twenty lines.

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Skeena Diversity Society, Little Townsite/Big Celebration Committee, George Little House, Terrace & District Arts Council