

## Helen Knott

So maybe the house collapsed, maybe the tree  
fell down  
Maybe the cycle is stuck on repeat and the dog  
ran away  
But maybe things had to fall apart  
So you could build something new  
Cause no one rebuilds the foundation if it  
doesn't come unglued  
Maybe the endings are beginnings  
And you are right where you are meant to be  
So take some power, some light and love  
And grow something  
Remember  
They tried to bury us and did not know we were  
seeds

## Jeanette Lynes

### Alone with Walton's *The Compleat Angler*

(from *Bedlam Conslip: The John Clare Poems*,  
Wolsak & Wynn, 2015)

Paper! But now too trouble-tethered  
to scribble one stanza. Waited for a southern  
wind just as Walton advised, still  
nothing. The angle wrong.  
Words are trout in night-time, deep-pooled,  
hearing but biting not.  
The finest canker flies, stone flies or moor flies  
fail to lure them to the surface.  
Trout seek lusty lives  
far from my perusing pencil. And I  
an honest poet, incomplete, swarmed  
by silent blue. I do not ask so very much—  
Only to send forth a rallying cry—  
A fish! A fish  
A poem! A poem!

## Clea Roberts

### How We Wake Somewhere Different

(from *Auguries*, Brick Books, 2017)

There is nothing lighter than the touch  
That awakens. Morning brought a child

To my bedside. Fingertips touching my  
cheek—

I did not ask for this blessing.

Is it love or bright dust  
That we breathe? It will take the shape

Of anything, furring it with light.



Words North will take place from September 27-30th, 2018. Along with the Words North Art Exhibit, the festival will showcase diverse forms of writing and will be comprised of moderated panel discussions, presentations, workshops, readings and performances.

Visit [www.peaceliardarts.org](http://www.peaceliardarts.org) for full festival details.

## About the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council

The Peace Liard Regional Arts Council serves six regional arts councils in the Peace Liard Region of northeast British Columbia.

Since its inception in 1989, the Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) has sought to broaden the opportunities for the development of and networking in arts, culture and heritage for the people of northeast BC.

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## Criteria

- Work must be inspired by poems provided in this brochure (poems by Words North feature writers Helen Knott, Jeanette Lynes, Clea Roberts)
- Work can be inspired by one or a combination of provided poems
- All mediums, sizes, and forms of work will be accepted
- Open to artists (of all levels) in northeast BC
- Limit of THREE entries per artist

## Exhibition Requirements

### PRESENTATION

All work must be ready for hanging and/or suitably prepared for exhibition.

All specific exhibit instructions should be included with the work.

### SHIPPING:

Shipping costs are the artists' responsibility. All work must be wrapped properly for shipping and labeled on the outside with the Title, your Name, Address and Phone Number to ensure return. Insurance for the work during shipping is the responsibility of the artist. The Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre has the right to refuse to handle any work that is not packaged properly.

### SALE OF WORKS:

Please indicate if your work is for sale. The PLRAC will retain 25% commission on all work that is sold.

For further details, please contact the PLRAC:  
Phone: 250-719-9225 Email: [dkane@pris.ca](mailto:dkane@pris.ca)  
[www.peaceliardarts.org](http://www.peaceliardarts.org)

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday September 7, 2018

Registration forms are available online at  
[www.peaceliardarts.org](http://www.peaceliardarts.org)

### DELIVERY OF ARTWORK DEADLINE:

Monday September 17, 2018

Work can be delivered in person to the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre in Dawson Creek or mailed to Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre, 10401 10 Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3T8

### OPENING OF ART EXHIBIT

Thursday September 27, 2018

Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre 7-9 pm



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