



130th Annual Sequim Irrigation Festival's New Program

The Story of SID, the Sequim Irrigation Dude

Even in the 130th year of the Sequim Irrigation Festival (the Festival), the organizers continue to find new ways to celebrate the Dungeness Valley. This year, they invite you to write the Story of SID.

SID, the "Sequim Irrigation Dude," was created in 2008 by Festival team members as a "mythical representation of the group that created and implemented the ditches for irrigating the farms" according to Jean Wyatt, Board Member. A graphic of SID was created as a logo to represent the Festival. This year, we want to get to know SID better, and in order to do that we need our local writers to tell his story.

You are invited to submit your Story of SID this winter, by emailing your document to sequimchamberofcommerce@gmail.com or to the Chamber of Commerce offices at 1192 E Washington Street in Sequim, starting on January 25th, with a deadline for submissions of February 28th. Rather write a poem? Those are welcome, too!

CONTEST RULES

1. Cost to Enter Contest: \$25 per entry
2. One entry per category, per person
3. Writer must be 16 years of age or older
4. Sign a release for publication and use by SIF by each writer, for each submission
5. All stories will be used as decided upon by the Board of the SIF
6. Submit your story between January 25 and February 28, 2025.
7. Stories will be blind-reviewed by a committee of 5 local authors, artists, book sellers, and SIF Board members.

Specific guidelines for short story and poetry writers:

Short story

- 5000 words or fewer
- Fiction in any genre, with a note that it must be family friendly (would you read it to Grandma?)
- Include ALL of the Known Facts of SID



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Poetry

- Shall not be more than 20 lines
- Family friendly fiction in any genre
- Include 3 of 5 SID facts in your story

The Known Facts of SID:

1. Farmer in Sequim Dungeness Valley
2. A steward of farmland and irrigation in the valley
3. Distinguished by overalls and a bucket hat
4. A larger-than-life embodiment
5. Has a super power or super skill

Submissions will need to be accompanied by a release form, which will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your story or poem, and your entry fee of \$25.

The Sequim Irrigation Festival and Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce are working as a team for this project. Our team will collect the submissions and build a team of reviewers for the contest. The team will include local writers, artists, booksellers, and members of both the Chamber and the Festival teams.

Winners and one guest for each category will be invited to the March 22, 2025 Sequim Irrigation Festival Kick Off Dinner & Auction to read their works to the audience. The winners will also be invited to read their work at various Festival events. Submissions will be collected into a publication that will be available first at the Innovative Arts & Crafts Fair at Carrie Blake Park in May, and subsequently at the Visitor Information Center. There will be reading events through the spring, locations and times to be determined.

For more information about The Story of SID, please contact the Sequim Irrigation Festival at info@irrigationfestival.com or the Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce at director@sequimchamber.com or call 360-683-6197.



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