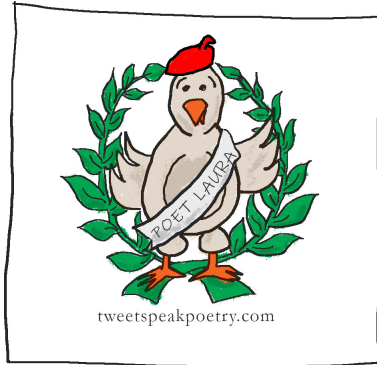


“Poet Laura” Checklist



The following is a guide to the honorable duty of “Poet Laura,” inaugurated, celebrated, and percolated by Tweetspeak Poetry.

To fulfill your honorable duty, you need only do all of the below, at some point or another over the course of an entire year—with an air of enjoyment and even, possibly, with an inexplicable dash of poetic mischief.

- Read a poem every weekday and encourage others to do the same
- Plant trees, protect trees, or help to plant a trillion trees by scrolling on your phone (to counteract the high paper usage of poets everywhere), and draw attention to or write tree poems
- Participate in one to five of Tweetspeak’s illustrious public days.
Bonus: celebrate Poetic Earth Month!
- Read a poem to a chicken, write a poem to a chicken, or do both
- Embrace and promote the 5 Vital Approaches to Poetry for Life
- Drink tea and write tea poems
- Eat chocolate (preferably fair trade) and write chocolate poems
- Accept any and all opportunities to be on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, in *The New York Times*, or have your poetry appear in Times Square or be painted on a local chicken coop
- Write, draw attention to, explore the history of, or leave on bulletin boards—poems about Lauras
- Advise future travelers to the moon, regarding poems that should be placed in strategic areas of both the dark and light sides of the moon. And, if unwilling to personally travel to the moon if so invited, you must be willing to at least part with one of your poems for delivery to the moon, where the poem will, in perpetuity, be read by no one, but will, in any case, shine down on the earth for aeons to come.