

Bethel woman receives award for her poem

Jean A. Maxie of Bethel has received an award of merit from the World of Poetry in Sacramento, Calif., for her poem, "Berries Everywhere."

Maxie is the first Alaska Native to receive a "Golden Poet Award." She plans to attend the award ceremony in Washington, D.C., in September. Her poem will be published in "Great Poems of the Western World," which will be available later this year.

English, said Maxie, is her second language, as she grew up speaking Yupik Eskimo. She attended St. Marys High School in St. Marys and the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is a member of Bethel Native Corp.