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2022 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS**

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**1. NFSPS Founders Award (to honor Mary B. Wall)**

**Entries** (256) **Judge:** Kathleen Cain

1st Place: Lou Jones, Pooler, GA  
"Ginsberg"

2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
"Pandemic Year 2020 : A Haiku Journal"

3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Beyond Words"

HM1: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading , PA  
HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT  
HM3: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO  
HM4: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
HM5: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM6: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL  
HM7: Tina Sacco, Orlando, FL

**2. The Margo Award**

**Entries** (154) **Judge:** Shirley Blackwell

1st Place: Ana Reizens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain  
"Constellations"

2nd Place: Laura Altshul, New Haven, CT  
"Fledgling"

3rd Place: byron hoot, Rochester Mills, PA  
"The Insufficiencies of Mirrors"

HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM2: Elaine Person, Orlando, FL  
HM3: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
HM4: Dawn Kawahara, Lihue, HI  
HM5: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN  
HM6: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT  
HM7: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

**3. Donald Stodghill Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Entries** (169) **Judge:** Alan Perry

1st Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
"Instars"

2nd Place: Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL  
"Riverspeak"

3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
"Sustenance"

HM1: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT  
HM2: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN  
HM3: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN  
HM4: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM5: Roberta Brown, Royal Oak, MI  
HM6: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
HM7: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

**4. NFSPS Board Award**

**Entries** (98) **Judge:** Amy Irish

1st Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM  
"Trick of Light"

2nd Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT  
"Stars & Earth, Straddling Worlds"

3rd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
"The More Things Change"

HM1: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM2: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

HM3: Erica Reid, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: Deborah Adams, Waverly, TN

HM5: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

HM6: Jana Bouma, Madison Lake, MN

HM7: Gracia Mwamba, San Lorenzo, CA

**5. Winners' Circle Award**

**Entries** (185) **Judge:** Russell Strauss

1st Place: Cathryn Essinger, Troy, OH

"Letter to My Congressman"

2nd Place: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

"House of Bears"

3rd Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

"Music Swash & Backwash"

HM1: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN

HM2: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

HM3: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM4: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT

HM5: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

HM6: Darlene Glover, South Paris, ME

HM7: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

**6. Georgia Poetry Society Award (Members Only) Entries**

**(86) Judge:** Jessica Temple

1st Place: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

"Blue Parrots Watched"

2nd Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Redneck Boys"

3rd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Florida Love Bugs"

HM1: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

HM2: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM3: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

HM4: Patricia H. O'Brien, Old Saybrook, CT

HM5: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM6: Susan Mardele, McKinney , TX

HM7: Karen Morris, Huntsville, AL

**7. Stone Gathering Award**

**Entries** (105) **Judge:** Mark Terry

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT

"The Bread Platter"

2nd Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Garam Masala"

3rd Place: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

"Oh Hunger"

HM1: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM2: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM3: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM4: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

HM5: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

HM6: Doris Dembosky, Westcliffe, CO

HM7: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

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**8. Poetry Society of Texas Award (Members Only) Entries**

(148) **Judge:** Mary Schmidt

1st Place: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

"Litany for Robin"

2nd Place: Christina Flaughter, Rochester, MN

"Eagle Omens"

3rd Place: Mary Theis, Talent, OR

"dark army"

HM1: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM2: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM3: Charlene Neely, Lincoln, NE

HM4: Jane Kretschmann, Piqua, OH

HM5: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM6:Carolynn J. Scully, Apopka, FL

HM7: Jeanette Willert, Pell City, AL

**9. Jim Barton, Bard of the Pines Award**

**Entries (69) Judge:** Connie Jordan Green

1st Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Woodwinds"

2nd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

"Forest"

3rd Place: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Toward Mississippi Pines"

HM1: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

HM2: Crystal Barker, North Las Vegas, NV

HM3: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM4: Curt Vevang, Palatine, IL

HM5: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

HM6: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

HM7: Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler, TX

**10. Lucille Morgan Wilson Memorial Award**

**Entries (156) Judge:** Polly Opsahl

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Blue Bouquet"

2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

"Yellow Swallowtail"

3rd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

"flowerbed, south exposure"

HM1: Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL

HM2: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM3: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM4: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

HM5: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

HM6: Michael Escoubas, Bloomington, IL

HM7: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH

**11. Al Laster Memorial Award (Members Only) Entries**

(139) **Judge:** Dawn Sly-Terpstra

1st Place: Patricia H. O'Brien, Old Saybrook, CT

"Disconnected"

2nd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

"The Workman"

3rd Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

"Adam's Hand"

HM1: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM2: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

HM3: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

HM4: Jane Kretschmann, Piqua, OH

HM5: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH

HM6: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

HM7: BettyAnn Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

**12. Arizona State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries (123) Judge:** Jeanette Willert

1st Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

"On Getting the House after the Failed Marriage"

2nd Place: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

"Retracing Steps to Silence"

3rd Place: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

"Dried In"

HM1: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading, PA

HM2: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

HM3: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

HM5: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA

HM6: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

HM7: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

**13. Jim Barton Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (143) Judge:** Kate Carney (Landow)

1st Place: Bonnie Anderson, St. George, UT

"Standing on Two Feet"

2nd Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO

"Warm Honey and Daggers"

3rd Place: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX "Planning Ahead"

HM1: Inge Logenburg Kyler, Eaton Rapids, MI

HM2: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

HM3: Susan Daubenspeck, Corpus Christi, TX

HM4: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM5: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM6: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT

HM7: Esther Ann Griswold, Ft. Collins, CO

**14. Alabama State Poetry Society Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (58) Judge:** Tilli Urban

1st Place: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

"Ode to the Iris Bloom"

2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

"How Women Go Mad"

3rd Place: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

"Disco Ball"

HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM2: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

HM3: Shirley Kobar, Loveland, CO

HM4: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

HM5: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM6: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

HM7: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT

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**15. Land of Enchantment Award**

**Entries (125) Judge:** Sally Ortiz

1st Place: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR  
"Yellow Sunflowers Against Blue Sky"

2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
"Borderlines: It's Not About You"

3rd Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO  
"Conversing Over Couscous"

HM1: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
HM2: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
HM3: Mary Miceli, Rowley, MA  
HM4: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN  
HM5: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
HM6: Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN  
HM7: Elaine Person, Orlando, FL

**16. Poet's Work Award**

**Entries (118) Judge:** Charmaine Pappas Donovan

1st Place: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
"Lon Chaney"

2nd Place: Jane Kretschmann, Piqua, OH  
"Christine de Pisan Writes to Her Granddaughter"

3rd Place: Jo-Anne Rowley, Lafayette, CO  
"In Retrospect"

HM1: Pegi Shea, Vernon Rockville, CT  
HM2: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
HM3: Joshua Barreto-Mathews, Los Angeles, CA  
HM4: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
HM5: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR  
HM6: Dawn Kawahara, Lihue, HI  
HM7: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

**17. The Listening Poem Award**

**Entries (142) Judge:** Marleine Yanish

1st Place: Lea Killian, Mountain View, AR  
"Whispers"

2nd Place: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
"the distraction"

3rd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
"Listening for What the Walls Might Say"

HM1 : Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL  
HM2: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
HM3: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
HM4: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
HM5: Henry Panowitsch, Mankato, MN  
HM6: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX  
HM7: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

**18. Power of Women Award**

**Entries (128) Judge:** Julie Johnson

1st Place: Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA  
"Taking off Billy Collins' Clothes"

2nd Place : Henry Panowitsch, Mankato, MN  
"Unworthy"

3rd place: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
"Spellbound"

HM1: Christina Flaughter, Rochester, MN

HM2: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM3: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
HM4: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
HM5: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM6: Sheri Anderson, San Antonio, TX  
HM7: Ana Reizens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain

**19. The Virginia Corrie-Cozart Memorial Award**

**Entries (137) Judge:** Val Szarek

1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
"Scintillation"

2nd Place : Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
"Sitting by the Lake at Chattanooga"

3rd Place: Julie Kim Shavin, Fountain, CO  
"Pentaprism"

HM1: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading, PA  
HM2: Carol Clark Williams, York, PA  
HM3: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO  
HM4: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
HM5: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN  
HM6: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM7: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

**20. Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award**

**(Members Only) Entries (87) Judge:** John W. Coppock

1st Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
"Because You Choose Me"

2nd Place: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
"Cats Rule"

3rd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
"Taste-Test"

HM1: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN  
HM2: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI  
HM3: Judith Tullis, LaGrange, IL  
HM4: Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA  
HM5: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
HM6: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM7: Wesley Sims, Oak Ridge, TN

**21. League of Minnesota Poets Award**

**Entries (154) Judge:** Emily Strauss

1st Place: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI  
"Eclipse of the Pagan Spirits"

2nd Place: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN  
"Driving at Night in Disappearing Farm Country"

3rd Place: Julie Martin, Saint Paul, MN  
"Jeffers Petroglyphs"

HM1: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM2: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
HM3: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
HM4: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO  
HM5: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA  
HM6: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR  
HM7: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

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**22. Jessica C. Saunders Memorial Award**

**Entries (90) Judge:** Steven Concert

1st Place: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH

"A March Night in Mariupol"

2nd Place : Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

"Blink of an Eye"

3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Entropy"

HM1: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ

HM2: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

HM3: Peter Gordon, Orlando, FL

HM4: Elaine Person, Orlando, FL

HM5: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

HM6: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM7: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

**23. Poetry Society of Indiana Award**

**Entries (118) Judge:** Alida Rol

1st Place: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT

"Each Night"

2nd Place : Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

"ritual of want"

3rd Place: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

"Fry Bread"

HM1: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

HM2: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM3: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

HM4: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM5: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

HM6: Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA

HM7: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

**24. Nevada Poetry Society Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (38) Judge:** Susan Stevens Chambers

1st Place: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

"Write Slowly, Dream Large"

2nd Place : Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

"Cold Winter Winds Swirling"

3rd Place: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ

"She Was Always Riveting"

HM1: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

HM2: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

HM3: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM4: Linda Reiss-Volin, Denver, CO

HM5: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

**25. William Stafford Memorial Award**

**Entries (155) Judge:** Frank Iosue

1st Place: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

"Elsa's Dreams"

2nd Place : Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

"Last Bell"

3rd Place: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

"My Sister Sharbat"

HM1: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

HM2: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM3: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

HM4: Veronica Schorr, Sherman, CT

HM5: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

HM6: Nick Sweet, Shepherd , TX

HM7: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

**26. The New York Poetry Forum Award**

**Entries (142) Judge:** Sharon Fox Sweeney

1st Place: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

"Bonsai Poem"

2nd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

"What I Want at My Funeral"

3rd Place: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT

"Poets Will Survive"

HM1: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

HM2: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading , PA

HM3: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL

HM4: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

HM5: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

HM6: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM7: Julie Kim Shavin, Fountain, CO

**27. Columbine Poets of Colorado Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (70) Judge:** Eleanor Berry

1st Place: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

"After the Funeral"

2nd Place: Kathleen McIntosh, New Haven, CT

"Primera Comunion"

3rd Place: Russell Straus, Memphis, TN

"Musings of a Picture Bride (1941)"

HM1: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM2: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO

HM3: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

HM4: BettyAnn Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM5: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM6: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

HM7: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

**28. Morton D. Prouty & Elsie S. Prouty Memorial Award**

**Entries (185) Judge:** Joseph Cavanaugh

1st Place: Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO

"The Sanctity of Snow"

2nd Place: George Wylie, Wyandotte, MI

"The Soaring of Mornings"

3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"At Spring Creek Forest Preserve on Her Birthday"

HM1: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN

HM2: Curt Vevang, Palatine, IL

HM3: Karen Morris, Huntsville, AL

HM4: Christopher Minton, Gahanna, OH

HM5: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

HM6: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

HM7: Kenneth Michaels, York, PA

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**29. Louisiana State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries** (168) **Judge:** Karen Kay Bailey  
1st Place: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
"Act III"  
2nd Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN  
"Ghostflowers"  
3rd Place: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
"The Poet is Antimony"  
HM1: Robert V. Davis, West Haven, UT  
HM2: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI  
HM3: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX  
HM4: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
HM5: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
HM6: Mary Rogers-Grantham, Palm Coast, FL  
HM7: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

**30. J. Paul Holcomb Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Entries** (138) **Judge:** Sue Brannan Walker  
1st Place: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT  
"Quiet Meanderings of Chopin"  
2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
"Garden Sale"  
3rd Place: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL  
"A Sonnet for the Old House"  
HM1: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS  
HM2: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM3: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN  
HM4: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
HM5: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
HM6: Jeanette Willert, Pell City, AL  
HM7: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX

**31. Utah State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries** (76) **Judge:** Julianza Shavin  
1st Place: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN  
"Aubade in Late October"  
2nd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
"Seeing Inside Out"  
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Two Visions of a Garden"  
HM1: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN  
HM2: Lisa Romano Licht, Congers, NY  
HM3: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH  
HM4: Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS  
HM5: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN  
HM6: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM7: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

**32. Illinois State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries** (100) **Judge:** Budd Powell Mahan  
1st Place: Julie Kim Shavin, Fountain, CO  
"Snake"  
2nd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
"The Open Book"  
3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
"One Must Belong to a Book Club"  
HM1: Adrienne Braun, Geneva, NY

HM2: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM3: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM4: William Quist, Minneapolis, MN  
HM5: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
HM6: Julie Cummings, Conifer, CO  
HM7: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

**33. The Robbie Award**

**Entries** (94) **Judge:** Julie Cummings  
1st Place: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA  
"somehow - somewhere"  
2nd Place: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX  
"Ruth and Myrtle Wood"  
3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
"Sunday Expectations"  
HM1: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
HM2: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM3: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
HM4: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM5: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
HM6: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO  
HM7: Greer L. Fox, Knoxville, TN

**34. Iowa Poetry Association Award**

**Entries** (105) **Judge:** Susan Gundlach  
1st Place: James D. Neiswender, Denton, TX  
"Minnow"  
2nd Place: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN  
"Training"  
3rd Place: Viktor Tichy, San Mateo, IA  
"Genius Parrot"  
HM1: Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA  
HM2: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM3: Vicki Wilke, Clarkston, MI  
HM4: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
HM5: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
HM6: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
HM7: Julie Martin, Saint Paul, MN

**35. Ohio Award**

**Entries** (163) **Judge:** Jennifer Horne  
1st Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
"Black Shoes"  
2nd Place: Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS  
"New Year II: A Golden Shovel Poem"  
3rd Place: Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA  
"Ditching Therapy"  
HM1: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
HM2: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
HM3: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
HM4: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM5: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL  
HM6: Dom Fonce, Boardman, OH  
HM7: Janet Tyner, Tyler, TX

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**36. Wallace Stevens Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (49) Judge:** Rita Aiken Moritz  
1st Place: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH  
"Before I Sleep"  
2nd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
"Absent"  
3rd Place: Julie Kim Shavin, Fountain, CO  
"In Pastures Gold"  
HM1: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO  
HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
HM3: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL  
HM4: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM5: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
HM6: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH  
HM7: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

**37. WyoPoets Award**

**Entries (74) Judge:** Jon Sebba  
1st Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO  
"a memorial to red"  
2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"The Great Sioux War"  
3rd Place: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
"Household Chores"  
HM1: Jo-Anne Rowley, Lafayette, CO  
HM2: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
HM3: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
HM4: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
HM5: Julie Martin, Saint Paul, MN  
HM6: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
HM7: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

**38. Florida State Poets Association, Inc. Award**

**Entries (63) Judge:** Barbara Blanks  
1st Place: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
"I Do Not Know the Potter."  
2nd Place: Courtney Moody, Ellenton, FL  
"Florida Anatomy"  
3rd Place: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
"Butterfly Effect"  
HM1: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
HM2: Mark Hammerschick, Naples, FL  
HM3: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM4: Crystal Barker, North Las Vegas, NV  
HM5: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN  
HM6: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
HM7: Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

**39. Poetry Society of MI Award**

**Entries (123) Judge:** William "Bucky" Ignatius  
1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
"Foreshadowing You"  
2nd Place: Crystal Barker, North Las Vegas, NV  
"Diamonds and Deodorant"  
3rd Place: Vicki Arnett, Preston, MO  
"Turtles"  
HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM2: Lea Killian, Mountain View, AR  
HM3: James D. Neiswender, Denton, TX  
HM4: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY  
HM5: Jane Kretschmann, Piqua, OH  
HM6: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
HM7: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

**40. Mississippi Poetry Society Award**

**Entries (80) Judge:** Nancy Susanna Breen  
1st Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
"Forever"  
2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
"Twelve Hours in the ER"  
3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
"The Cello and the Bow"  
HM1: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM  
HM2: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
HM3: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
HM4: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
HM5: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK  
HM6: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
HM7: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

**41. Jesse Stuart Memorial Award**

**Entries (123) Judge:** Lisa Fosmo  
1st Place: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
"The Memory of Cells"  
2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
"A Community of One"  
3rd Place: Lea Killian, Mountain View, AR  
"I've Noticed"  
HM1: Stephen Curry, Jackson, MS  
HM2: Peter Gordon, Orlando, FL  
HM3: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO  
HM4: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY  
HM5: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ  
HM6: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
HM7: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

**42. Missouri State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries (46) Judge:** Terrie Jacks  
1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
"Show and Tell"  
2nd Place: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
"Hearing Is Not Enough"  
3rd Place: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
"Show Me Missouri"  
HM1: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
HM2: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX  
HM3: Vicki Arnett, Preston, MO  
HM4: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA  
HM5: Paula Sweeney Kowszik, Millbury, MA  
HM6: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN  
HM7: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

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**43. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award**

**Entries (165) Judge:** Louis Brown

1st Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
"Stradivarius"

2nd Place: Beth Ayers, McKinney, TX  
"The Bouquet Taped to the Street Light "

3rd Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
"Russian Invasion of Ukraine 2022"

HM1: Judy Krum, Sanford, FL

HM2: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM3: Tina Sacco, Orlando, FL

HM4: Dave Harvey, Talent , OR

HM5: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT

HM6: Sandra McGarry, Ft. Collins, CO

HM7: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

**44. Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (36) Judge:** Florence Bruce

1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
"Hot Air"

2nd Place: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
"When Comets Fall"

3rd Place: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH  
"The Phantom Children of Morrow Inn"

HM1: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

HM2: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH

HM3: Julie Kim Shavin, Fountain, CO

HM4: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM6: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

HM7: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

**45. Save Our Earth Award Entries (103) Judge:** Lori Goetz

1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
"Tears of Sea"

2nd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
"Crops"

3rd Place: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading , PA  
"Weather"

HM1: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT

HM2: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM3: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

HM4: Geraldine C. Felt, Layton, UT

HM5: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

HM6: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

HM7: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

**46. Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award**

**Entries (129) Judge:** Lorrie Wolfe

1st Place: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO  
"This Morning"

2nd Place: Nancy LaChance, Lebanon, MO  
"Cleaning Out the Refrigerator"

3rd Place: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
"Collector"

HM1: David Gaberman, Farmington Hills, MI

HM2: Mary Rogers-Grantham, Palm Coast, FL

HM3: Laura Rodley, Shelburne Falls, MA

HM4: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

HM5: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

HM6: Michael Owens, Cypress, TX

HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

**47. Poetry Society of Tennessee Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (129) Judge:** Jerri Hardesty

1st Place: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT  
"Bread Day Helpers"

2nd Place: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN  
"Birthing Pain"

3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
"Legacy for Your Children"

HM1: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM2: Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

HM3: Judith Tullis, LaGrange, IL

HM4: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM5: Laura Trigg, Little Rock, AR

HM6: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

HM7: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

**48. Maine Poets Society Award**

**Entries (108) Judge:** Paul Ford

1st Place: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
"Six Observations"

2nd Place: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR  
"The Lighthouse"

3rd Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
"Considering Apples by the Sea"

HM1: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM2: Jeanette Willert, Pell City, AL

HM3: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

HM4: James D. Neiswender, Denton, TX

HM5: Wesley Sims, Oak Ridge, TN

HM6: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA

HM7: Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN

**49. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (103) Judge:** Sandra Nantais

1st Place: Maxine B. Kohanski, Tomball, TX  
"Poor Sadie"

2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
"Thrift Store Odyssey"

3rd Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City , UT  
"Just Rewards"

HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM2: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

HM3: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM4 : Nancy LaChance, Lebanon, MO

HM5: Mary Jane Pories, Grand Rapids, MI

HM6: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

HM7: Jan Ohmstede, Salida, CO

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**50. The Poets Northwest Award (Members Only)**

**Entries (74) Judge:** Christina Flaughter

1st Place: Janet Ohmstede, Salida, CO

"Wildfire"

2nd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Backdraft"

3rd Place: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

"Like No Other Season"

HM1: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM2: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM3: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

HM4: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM5: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

HM6: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM7: Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY

**51. Student Award: Grades 9 – 12**

**Entries (43) Judge:** Susan F. Glassmeyer

1st Place: Hannah Giuffria, Paron, AR

"Living in the Shadows"

2nd Place: Adelaide Spradling, Little Rock, AR

"My Muse"

3rd Place: Marion Nebab, Raleigh, NC

"A Locker's Lament"

HM1: Donna Zhang, Rye, NY

HM2: Gracie Limmer, Little Rock, AR

HM3: Ava Stork, Ankeny, IA

HM5: Amy Monahan, West Des Moines, IA

HM6: Arianna Davis, Texarkana, AR

HM7: Dianna Ramos, Little Rock, AR

**52. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 6 – 8**

**Entries (11) Judge:** Julia L. George

1st Place: Eleni Mai, Houston, TX

"My Yiayia"

2nd Place: Parker Heisterkamp, Council Bluffs, IA

"The Aftermath"

3rd Place: Kate Laura Kotta, Mason City, IA

"United"

HM1: Brady Lancaster, Alden, IA

HM2: Jack Krotz, Ainsworth, IA

HM3: Magdalene Heiden, Alden, IA

HM4: Aidan Schumann, Polk. City, IA

HM5: Bridget DeMelfi, Cheyenne, WY

HM6: Hannah Haaland, Polk. City, IA

HM7: Luci Kucera, Baxter, IA

**53. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 3 – 5**

**Entries (14) Judge:** Julia L. George

1st Place: Brittany Wyatt, Albuquerque, NM

"St. George"

2nd Place: Bianca Serao, Ames, IA

"Life"

3rd Place: Tiffany Zhou, Ames, IA

"Snowflake"

HM1: Tresina Johnson, Urbandale, IA

HM2: Hannah Kim, Ames, IA

HM3: Rose Schares, Ames, IA

HM4: Elliott Coffey, Ames, IA

HM5: Kaden Clausen, Ames, IA

HM6: Owen Merrill, Ames, IA

HM7: Meenakshi Murthy, Irving, TX

HM8: Lyla Douglas, Baxter, IA