

2023 NFSPS Contest Award Winners

1. NFSPS Founders Award (to honor Mary B. Wall) Judge: Aaron Abeyta Entries: 334

1st Place: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO
"Between Two Bridges"
2nd Place: Mary Ann Meade, Lansdowne, PA
"Seaweed"
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Flesh and Father"
HM1: Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA
HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO
HM3: Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL
HM4: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO
HM5: Christine Irving, Denton, TX
HM6: David Bond, Del Rio, TX
HM7: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

2. NFSPS Board Award Judge: Pat Durmon Entries: 133

1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL
"The Street Beggar"
2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
"Street Walkers"
3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
"Dancing at the Crossroads"
HM1: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR
HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
HM3: Sue Ann Owens, Tucson, AZ
HM4: Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler, TX
HM5: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT
HM6: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN
HM7: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

3. The Margo Award Judge: Val Szarek Entries: 126

1st Place: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL
"Hestia Looking Out"
2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
"Clear Persuasion"
3rd Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX
"At the Window"
HM1: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS
HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
HM3: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX
HM4: Anita Dees, New London, CT
HM5: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
HM6: John McPherson, Searcy, AR
HM7: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

4. Donald Stodghill Memorial Award (Members Only) Judge: Alan Perry Entries: 170

1st Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR
"Two Poets at Table"
2nd Place: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO
"The Language of Winter"
3rd Place: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO
"On Resilience"
HM1: Linda White, Maplewood, MN
HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO
HM3: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO
HM4: Shari Crane, Fox Grass Valley, CA
HM5: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
HM6: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI
HM7: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

5. Social Critique Poetry Award Judge: Barbara Blanks Entries: 162

1st Place: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX
"Gray Suddenly Sings Blue in the Sun"
2nd Place: Ana Reisens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain
"Taking a Stand in Baton Rouge"
3rd Place: Marya Summers, Tehachapi, CA
"The Honest Word"
HM1: John McPherson, Searcy, AR
HM2: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS
HM3: Rose Heflin, Madison, WI

HM4: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN
HM5: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
HM6: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN
HM7: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

6. Winners' Circle Award Judge: Jeanette Willert Entries: 159

1st Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
"The Sounds of the Centuries"
2nd Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM
"A Fine Kettle of Poem-Fish"
3rd Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN
"Dawn"
HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
HM3: Marilyn Joy, Temecula, CA
HM4: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA
HM5: John McPherson, Portland, OR
HM6: Suzanne Austin-Hill, Ruskin, FL
HM7: Candace Armstrong, Murphysboro, IL

7. Georgia Poetry Society Award (Members Only) Judge: Michael Spears Entries: 77

1st Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
"During Her Very Long Life"
2nd Place: Barbara A. Shepherd, Edmond, OK
"Lynched"
3rd Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX
"Houstonian Come Home"
HM1: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL
HM2: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
HM3: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA
HM4: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO
HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL
HM6: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN
HM7: John McPherson, Portland, OR

8. Stone Gathering Award Judge: Christina M. Flaughner Entries: 149

1st Place: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX
"The Avant-garde Alligator War"
2nd Place: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN
"I Don't Want a Fairy Tale"
3rd Place: Gregory "Seth" Harris, Denver, CO
"Walking Dead Man"
HM1: Herbert Woodward Martin, Dayton, OH
HM2: Markay Brown, St. George, UT
HM3: Rose Heflin, Madison, WI
HM4: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA
HM5: Amy Nawrocki, Hamden, CT
HM6: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO
HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

9. Poetry Society of Texas Award (Members Only) Judge: Jon Sebba Entries: 145

1st Place: Jane Stuart, Flatwoods, KY
"Crossing into Tomorrow"
2nd Place: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
"Wabi Sabi"
3rd Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
"Musing on Miracles"
HM1: Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler, TX
HM2: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN
HM3: Inge Logenburg Kyler, Eaton Rapids, MI
HM4: Emory Jones, Iuka, MS
HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL
HM6: Mary Merlo, Troy, MI
HM7: Shirley Kobar, Loveland, CO

10. Jim Barton, Bard of the Pines Award Judge: Julie Allyn Johnson Entries: 84

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
"Duet to Symphony"
2nd Place: Shari Crane, Fox Grass Valley, CA
"Morning in the High Sierras"

3rd Place: Susan Randall, Orem, UT
"Run Caribou"
HM1: John W. Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR
HM2: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA
HM3: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN
HM4: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
HM5: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR
HM6: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO
HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

11. Lucille Morgan Wilson Memorial Award Judge: Lynda LaRocca Entries: 141

1st Place: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN
"Unvanquished"
2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
"Backyard Rebellion"
3rd Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL
"In Putin's Garden"
HM1: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT
HM2: Barbara Ford, Poncha Springs, CO
HM3: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
HM4: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX
HM5: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN
HM6: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO
HM7: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

12. Al Laster Memorial Award (Members Only) Judge: M. Palowski Moore Entries: 131

1st Place: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK
"Lord Frederic Speaks"
2nd Place: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL
"The Guitarist"
3rd Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
"A Lingering Impression"
HM1: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX
HM2: Christine Irving, Denton, TX
HM3: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO
HM4: David Bond, Del Rio, TX
HM5: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK
HM6: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR
HM7: Barbara Shepherd, Edmond, OK

13. Arizona State Poetry Society Award Judge: Alida Rol Entries: 126

1st Place: Richard Hood, Campbell, CA
"Aria"
2nd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
"Green Re-Found"
3rd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN
"Hope"
HM1: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK
HM2: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN
HM3: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
HM4: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK
HM5: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM
HM6: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI
HM7: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

14. Jim Barton Memorial Award (Members Only) Judge: Frank Iosue Entries: 152

1st Place: Jo-Anne Rowley, Lafayette, CO
"Sunrise"
2nd Place: M. Palowski Moore, Overland Park, KS, "Know Me, Know Us"
3rd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR
"Adversity and the Tuna"
HM1: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
HM2: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO
HM3: Michael Escoubas, Bloomington, IL
HM4: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA
HM5: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH
HM6: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM7: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

15. Alabama State Poetry Society Award
(Members Only)

Judge: Eleanor Berry **Entries:** 56

1st Place: Alyssa Darby, Cabot, AR
"Divergent"

2nd Place: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

"A Sweetness Steeped in Moments"

3rd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
"Stroke"

HM1: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

HM2: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM3: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM4: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM5: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

HM6: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA

HM7: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR

16. Land of Enchantment Award

Judge: Mark Andrew James Terry **Entries:** 103

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

2nd Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

"A Color but No Gender"

3rd Place: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

"Biding Time"

HM1: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM2: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

HM3: Dan Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

HM4: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM5: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

HM6: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

HM7: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

17. Poet's Work Award

Judge: Sharon Sweeney **Entries:** 103

1st Place: Cynthia Knorr, Strafford, NH

"Pretty Woman"

2nd Place: Elaine Palencia, Champaign, IL

"Slaughterhouse"

3rd Place: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

"Survivor"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

HM3: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

HM4: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

HM5: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM6: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM7: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

18. The Listening Poem Award

Judge: Lisa Fosmo **Entries:** 139

1st Place: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA

"The Sign Linguists"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Perceptions"

3rd Place: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

"Amazing"

HM1: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM2: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton TX

HM4: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

HM5: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM6: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM7: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

19. Power of Women Award

Judge: Nancy Susanna Breen **Entries:** 133

1st Place: Anne Whitehouse, New York, NY

"Lady Bird"

2nd Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Challenged"

3rd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Nike at the Louvre"

HM1: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

HM2: Laura Sweeney, Bloomington, IL

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM4: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM5: Ana Reizens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain

HM6: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

HM7: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

20. The Virginia Corrie-Cozart Memorial Award

Judge: Polly Opsahl **Entries:** 114

1st Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO

"It's Not About You"

2nd Place: Susan Daubenspeck, Corpus Christi, TX

"Her Dress as Cocoon"

3rd Place: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN

"(r)after"

HM1: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

HM2: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM3: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM4: Laura Sweeney, Bloomington, IL

HM5: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM6: Natalie Johnston Doty, Winterville, OH

HM7: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

21. Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award (Members Only)

Judge: Karen Scott **Entries:** 87

1st Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

"The Courtesan's Cat"

2nd Place: Mary Jane Andol, Starkville, MS

"Black Lightning with a Touch of Lace"

3rd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

"To The Cat"

HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM2: Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY

HM3: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM4: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM5: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM6: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

HM7: Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA

22. League of Minnesota Poets Award

Judge: Barbara Funke **Entries:** 154

1st Place: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

"Nothing to Do but Climb"

2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

"Eclipse"

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

"Last Letter from Leona"

HM1: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

HM2: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN

HM3: Kenneth Michaels, York, PA

HM4: Wendy Kieffer, Tampa, FL

HM5: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

HM6: Libby Casey Irwin, Vadnais Heights, MN

HM7: Elaine Costanzo, New Concord, OH

23. Jessica C. Saunders Memorial Award

Judge: Shirley Blackwell **Entries:** 110

1st Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

"The Gift"

2nd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

"Grandmother"

3rd Place: Anita Dees, New London, CT

"You Must Understand This"

HM1: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

HM2: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

HM3: Anne Greenfeld, Cincinnati, OH

HM4: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM5: T.L. Hensel, Colorado Springs, CO

HM6: Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

HM7: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

24. Poetry Society of Indiana Award

Judge: Diane Glancy **Entries:** 89

1st Place: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

"Two Flew Out"

2nd Place: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

"Expect. Reject. Accept."

3rd Place: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

"Sleeping in a Chair"

HM1: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

HM2: Anna Boughtwood, Rensselaer, NY

HM3: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

HM4: Paul Causey, Saint Jo, TX

HM5: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Martha LaBine, Ramsey, MN

25. Nevada Poetry Society Award

(Members Only)

Judge: Dan Liberthson **Entries:** 67

1st Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Channukah in Ukraine, 2022"

2nd Place: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH

"Moon Beauty"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"Ignoring Time"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM4: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM5: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL

26. William Stafford Memorial Award

Judge: Jennifer Horne **Entries:** 158

1st Place: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

"On a Dark Desert Highway"

2nd Place: Melody Wilson, Beaverton, OR

"Zazen at 62"

3rd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

"Report from the Gateway Wetlands—Early

April"

HM1: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

HM2: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

HM3: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL

HM4: Amy Nawrocki, Hamden, CT

HM5: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN

HM6: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

27. The New York Poetry Forum Award

Judge: Diane Clark **Entries:** 145

1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

"Read Me a Poem"

2nd Place: Jackie McVey, Tyler, TX

"Preservationists"

3rd Place: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

"I often think of a poem"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Susan Mardele, McKinney, TX

HM3: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

HM4: Josh Lefkowitz, Boulder, CO

HM5: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM6: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM7: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

28. Columbine Poets of Colorado Award
(Members Only)

Judge: John Burroughs **Entries:** 102

1st Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"The Weeping of Trees"

2nd Place: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

"Only a Conflict, Not a War"

3rd Place: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

"Jew's Mallow"

HM1: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL

HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM3: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

HM4: Donna Geise, Owens Cross Roads, AL

HM5: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM6: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM7: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

29. Morton D. Prouty & Elsie S. Prouty Memorial Award

Judge: Sue Brannan Walker **Entries:** 173

1st Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

"Alchemy"

2nd Place: Cynthia Knorr, Strafford, NH
"Second Coming"
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"About Gold"
HM1: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM2: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL
HM3: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
HM4: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada
HM5: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK
HM6: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT
HM7: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

30. Jimmye Inez Sessions Memorial Award (Members Only)

Judge: William "Bucky" Ignatius **Entries:** 137
1st Place: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
"Wokeness in the Aftermath"
2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Antietam"
3rd Place: Janet Tyner Tyler, TX, "After"
HM1: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO
HM2: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY
HM3: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN
HM4: Kathleen Decker, Williamsburg, VA
HM5: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH
HM6: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

31. Utah State Poetry Society Award

Judge: Deborah Petersen **Entries:** 130
1st Place: Marleine Yanish, Denver, CO
"Mirrored Sadness"
2nd Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
"What Can I Say About You?"
3rd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO
"Second Sight"
HM1: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
HM2: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX
HM3: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI
HM4: Beverly A. Joyce, Land O'Lakes, FL
HM5: Holly Antoun, Golden, CO
HM6: Janet Tyner, Tyler, TX
HM7: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

32. Illinois State Poetry Society Award

Judge: Mary Schmidt **Entries:** 101
1st Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL
"Finding the Flow"
2nd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
"As Gray"
3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
"Two Rivers"
HM1: Susan Randall, Orem, UT
HM2: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN
HM3: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL
HM4: Dick Ramsey, Des Moines, IA
HM5: Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA
HM6: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR
HM7: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

33. The Robbie Award

Judge: Karen Kay Bailey **Entries:** 102
1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Shared Grief"
2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
"To a Son Who Died"
3rd Place: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA
"the last time we spoke"
HM1: Larry Witherspoon, Little Rock, AR
HM2: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
HM3: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
HM4: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA
HM5: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH
HM6: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK
HM7: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

34. Iowa Poetry Association Award

Judge: Janet Qually **Entries:** 105
1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL
"Dream, Dream, Dream"
2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Country and City"
3rd Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT
"Two Chipmunks"
HM1: Belle Schmidt, Fort Collins, CO
HM2: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA
HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL
HM5: Patricia J. Koch, Warr Acres, OK
HM6: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL
HM7: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT

35. Wallace Stevens Memorial Award (Members Only)

Judge: Carol W. Bachofner **Entries:** 61
1st Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX
"Healing the Angry Self"
2nd Place: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO
"The Ghost House"
3rd Place: Jane Stuart, Flatwoods, KY
"Two Flowers on a Windy Day"
HM1: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK
HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
HM3: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH
HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL
HM5: Charles Firmage, Elroy, AZ
HM6: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
HM7: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

36. Ohio Award

Judge: Russell Strauss **Entries:** 149
1st Place: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
"Invitation to Picnic"
2nd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
"Clams"
3rd Place: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA
"Ode to the Extra Ten Pounds"
HM1: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX
HM2: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
HM3: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK
HM4: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS
HM5: BJ Alligood, Port Orange, FL
HM6: Nancy MacDermott, Chardon, OH
HM7: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

37. WyoPoets Award

Judge: Bonnie Larson Staiger **Entries:** 80
1st Place: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO
"To The Cabin"
2nd Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
"Gathering Place"
3rd Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO
"Dance of the Tumbleweeds"
HM1: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR
HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
HM3: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR
HM4: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX
HM5: John McPherson, Searcy, AR
HM6: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT
HM7: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

38. Florida State Poets Association, Inc. Award

Judge: Marleine Yanish **Entries:** 51
1st Place: Sara Gipson Scott, AR, "Empty Shells"
2nd Place: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA
"Rooted Along the Overseas Highway"
3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
"The Distinctive Tone of David Sanborn"
HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
HM2: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL
HM3: Mark Hammerschick, Highland Park, IL
HM4: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM5: Christa Fairbrother, Gulfport, FL
HM6: Patricia J. Koch, Warr Acres, OK

HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

39. Poetry Society of Michigan Award

Judge: Mary Beth Bretzlauf **Entries:** 127
1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX
"Torn Free"
2nd Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
"Settling for the Earth"
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"After the Pink Mist—2021"
HM1: Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT
HM2: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
HM4: Dick Ramsey, Des Moines, IA
HM5: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT
HM6: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM7: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

40. Mississippi Poetry Society Award

Judge: Charmaine Pappas Donovan **Entries:** 98
1st Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
"From Juke Joints to Concert Halls"
2nd Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT
"Many Wonders"
3rd Place: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH
"Azulejos"
HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
HM2: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
HM3: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
HM4: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH
HM5: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK
HM7: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

41. Jesse Stuart Memorial Award

Judge: Louise Brown **Entries:** 127
1st Place: Daniel Moreschi, Neath, GB
"The Great Monarch Butterfly Migration"
2nd Place: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT
"Sheet Bend"
3rd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
"When Buttons Fall"
HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
HM2: Lynne McNamara, Longmont, CO
HM3: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX
HM4: Markay Brown, St. George, UT
HM5: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK
HM7: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

42. Missouri State Poetry Society Award

Judge: Jerri Hardesty **Entries:** 42
1st Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX
"Pragmatist in the Heartland"
2nd Place: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX
"Missouri Family"
3rd Place: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK
"Off the Beaten Path"
HM1: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN
HM2: Dave Malone, West Plains, MO
HM3: BJ Alligood, Port Orange, FL
HM4: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
HM5: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO
HM6: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN
HM7: Laura Rodley, Shelburne Falls, MA

43. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award

Judge: Emily Strauss **Entries:** 159
1st Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
"This Being Said . . ."
2nd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO
"Absolution"
3rd Place: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO
"Writing About the Stroke Patient"
HM1: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX
HM2: Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL
HM3: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN
HM4: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

HM5: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT
HM6: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO
HM7: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

44. Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award

Judge: Lorrie Wolfe **Entries:** 121

1st Place: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

"On Sadness"

2nd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Holy Work"

3rd Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

"Hugging Trees"

HM1: Sylvia Collins, S. Hamilton, MA

HM2: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

HM3: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM4: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

HM5: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

HM6: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM7: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

45. Save Our Earth Award

Judge: Margie B. Klein **Entries:** 109

1st Place: Laura Bridges, Hot Springs, AR

"One with the Wild—a Walk through the Ozarks"

2nd Place: Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA

"Murdered Landscapes"

3rd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

"To My Grandchildren"

HM1: Deborah Filanowski, Selinsgrove, PA

HM2: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM4: Adrienne Blalock Pamplin, Longview, TX

HM5: Dan Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

HM6: Marjorie Dohman, Riceville, IA

HM7: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

46. Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award

Judge: Donna Salli **Entries:** 129

1st Place: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

"I Saw Santa Sitting in a Lawn Chair"

2nd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

"Addiction's Extreme Sport"

3rd Place: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

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HM1: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM2: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA

HM3: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN

HM5: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM6: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

HM7: Alyssa Darby, Cabot, AR

47. Poetry Society of Tennessee Award

(Members Only)

Judge: Lori Goetz **Entries:** 98

1st Place: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

"Digging Deep"

2nd Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

"Summer Garden, 1970"

3rd Place: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

"Good-Time Party Girls"

HM1: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM2: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM4: Laura Bridges, Hot Springs, AR

HM5: Susan Randall, Orem, UT

HM6: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM7: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

48. Maine Poets Society Award

Judge: Jessica Temple **Entries:** 172

1st Place: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

"Spring Passing"

2nd Place: Irene Alderson, Minneapolis, MN

"On the St. Croix"

3rd Place: Jan Ohmstede, Salida, CO

"Ravenous Joy"

HM1: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

HM2: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO

HM3: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT

HM4: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO

HM5: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA

49. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award

(Members Only)

Judge: Susan Chambers **Entries:** 37

1st Place: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ

"Snowing on Flanders Field"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Give Me Books, or Give Me—More Books"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"A Sigh in Winter"

HM1: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM2: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM3: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

HM4: Joyce Allen, Ankeny, IA

HM5: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

HM6: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM7: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

50. The Poets Northwest Award

(Members Only)

Judge: Susan Maxwell Campbell **Entries:** 83

1st Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

"City Kid Rap"

2nd Place: John McPherson, Searcy, AR

"Sorry, Petula, You Can't Go There Anymore"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"Leaving the Good Times"

HM1: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM2: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM3: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM4: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM5: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM6: Charles Firmage, Eloy, AZ

HM7: Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

51. Student Award: Grades 9–12

Judge: John Coppock **Entries:** 31

1st Place: Isabella Mullinax, Hotsprings, AR

"Late Night of Memories"

2nd Place: Sankalp Gautam, Manlius, NY

"The Wonderous Glaucous"

3rd Place: Lilah Lindemann, Miller Place, NY

"Spotlight"

HM1: Emma Paris, Putney, VT

HM2: Clara Principe, North Little Rock, AR

HM3: Alex Kramarenko, Hot Springs, AR

HM4: Ciara Harvey, Benton, AR

HM5: Joe Boone, Searcy, AR

HM6: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

HM7: July Gibson, Jacksonville, AR

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

Judge: Shari Crane Fox **Entries:** 5

1st Place: Bridget DeMelfi, Cheyenne, WY

"Derealization"

2nd Place: Karelin Ta, Aurora, CO

"Bullying"

3rd Place: Miah Schultze, Cheyenne, WY

"Summed up"

HM1: Christopher Fitzgerald, Cheyenne, WY

HM2: Keeley Cozza, Aurora, CO

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

Judge: Susan Gundlach **Entries:** 5

1st Place: Avery Irish, Burlington, IA

"My Mom Dances"

2nd Place: Brooklyn Legree, Toddville, IA

"If all you can see"

3rd Place: Isaac Nelson, Oklahoma City, OK

"Moving On"

HM1: Tia Keller, Burlington, IA

HM2: Shawn Darby, Cabot, AR