

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES 2021 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS**

**1. NFSPS FOUNDERS AWARD (to honor Mary B. Wall)** (326 entries) Judge: Barbara Funke

**1st Place:** Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL  
“A Thin Line”

**2nd Place:** Julie K. Shavin, Fountain, CO  
“The Day as Effigy”

**3rd Place:** Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL  
“Light Fades”

1st HM: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

2nd HM: Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL

3rd HM: Jane Pettibone, Littleton, CO

4th HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

5th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7th HM: Julie K. Shavin, Fountain, CO

**2. THE NFSPS BOARD AWARD**

(152 entries) Judge: Carolyn Files

**1st Place:** Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
“Kintsugi”

**2nd Place:** Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
“She Rests in Pieces”

**3rd Place:** Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS  
“Precious Pieces of Life”

1st HM: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI

2nd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

3rd HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4th HM: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

5th HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD

6th HM: Daniel Garcia Ordaz, McAllen, TX

7th HM: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN

**3. THE MARGO AWARD**

(91 entries) Judge: Nancy Susanna Breen

**1st Place:** Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
“Avoidance”

**2nd Place:** Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
“Miss Hood and the Wolf”

**3rd Place:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
“Wolves at the Door”

1st HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

2nd HM: Courtney Moody, Ellenton, FL

3rd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

4th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

5th HM: Linda Whittenberg, Wheat Ridge, CO

6th HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

7th HM: Karen Mastracchio, Spring, TX

**\*4. DONALD STODGHILL MEMORIAL AWARD**

(\*Members Only) (153 entries) Judge: Terrie Jacks

**1st Place:** Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO  
“Aroma in Orange”

**2nd Place:** Doris Dembosky, Penrose, CO  
“Blinded by the Light”

**3rd Place:** Lucia Wainwright, Westcliffe, CO  
“Drifting”

1st HM: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR

2nd HM: Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN

3rd HM: Birma C. Castle, Beaumont, TX

4th HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

5th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6th HM: Peter M. Gordon, Orlando, FL

7th HM: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

**\*5. GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(\*Members Only) (61 entries) Judge: Loretta Diane Walker

**1st Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
“Transmutation”

**2nd Place:** Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
“Martian Memory”

**3rd Place:** Mike Wahl, Athens, AL  
“The World of Loonz”

1st HM: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

2nd HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD

3rd HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

4th HM: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale Southport,  
Merseyside UK

5th HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

6th HM: Randy Mazie, Blairsville, GA

7th HM: Faye Adams, Cherokee Village, AR

**6. WINNERS' CIRCLE AWARD**

(186 entries) Judge: Emily Strauss

**1st Place:** Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX  
“On Visiting the Old House”

**2nd Place:** Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
“Distant Lightning”

**3rd Place:** Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
“The Arbor”

1st HM: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

2nd HM: Julie K. Shavin, Fountain, CO

3rd HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

4th HM: Betty M. Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

5th HM: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

6th HM: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO

7th HM: Artiste-te (Earl) Teteak, Paradise Valley, AZ

**7. STONE GATHERING AWARD**

(149 entries) Judge: Jeanette Willert

**1st Place:** Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
“Tracking Rabbits at Dusk”

**2nd Place:** Elizabeth Shelley, Memphis, TN  
“Yellow Rising”

**3rd Place:** Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN  
“Island of Wilderness”

1st HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

2nd HM: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

3rd HM: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
4th HM: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
5th HM: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
6th HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
7th HM: Greer L. Fox, Knoxville, TN

**\* 8. POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS AWARD**

**(\*Members Only)**

(152 entries) Judge: Frank Iosue

**1st Place:** Jon Sebba, Murray, UT  
"Steel Box"

**2nd Place:** Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL  
"Coffee House"

**3rd Place:** Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN  
"Latitudes"

1st HM: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA  
2nd HM: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI  
3rd HM: Kenneth Michaels, York, PA  
4th HM: David Bond, Del Rio, TX  
5th HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
6th HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
7th HM: Joan Hofmann, Collinsville, CT

**9. ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(136 entries) Judge: Donna Salli

**1st Place:** Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI  
"How to Trap Your Ghost"

**2nd Place:** Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN  
"Midnight Vigil for Grandfather"

**3rd Place:** Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX  
"Photograph of a Young Ute Woman, c. 1880-1900"

1st HM: Julie K. Shavin, Fountain, CO  
2nd HM: Louise Brown, Arvada, CO  
3rd HM: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
4th HM: Patricia Hope, Oakridge, TN  
5th HM: Janet, Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
6th HM: Dee Bowlin, Vinton, VA  
7th HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

**10. JIM BARTON, BARD OF THE PINES AWARD**

(123 entries) Judge: William "Bucky" Ignatius

**1st Place:** Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
"Loblolly Pine's Party"

**2nd Place:** Libby Jones, Berea, KY  
"On the Woods Trail at the Artists' Colony"

**3rd Place:** Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
"Of Fair, Fair and Fare"

1st HM: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT  
2nd HM: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN  
3rd HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD  
4th HM: Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT  
5th HM: Catherine M. Moran, Little Rock, AR  
6th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX  
7th HM: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

**\*11. AL LASTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

**(\*Members Only)** (137 entries) Judge: Kate Lacy

**1st Place:** Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN  
"Unweaving"

**2nd Place:** Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
"The Horses of Lascaux"

**3rd Place:** Sam Wright, Toledo, OH  
"I See It Not, the Art"

1st HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
2nd HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
3rd HM: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN  
4th HM: Steven H. Leitch, West Jordan, UT  
5th HM: Carolyn Scully, Forest City, FL  
6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
7th HM: Aaron E. Holst, Sheridan, WY

**\*12. JIM BARTON MEMORIAL AWARD**

**(\*Members Only)** (160 entries) Judge: Russell Strauss

**1st Place:** Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX  
"While Standing in Line to Pay for My Groceries, I Play Angry Birds Video Game on My Phone"

**2nd Place:** Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
"A Poem about Nothing and Everything"

**3rd Place:** Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
"Soft-lined Box"

1st HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
2nd HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
3rd HM: Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK  
4th HM: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN  
5th HM: Patricia Hale, West Hartford, CT  
6th HM: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
7th HM: Catherine M. Moran, Little Rock, AR

**\*13. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY**

**AWARD (\*Members Only)** (156 entries) Judge: Julia George

**1st Place:** David Hutto, Gainesville, GA  
"If You Were Ice"

**2nd Place:** Elaine Costanzo, New Concord, OH  
"Childhood"

**3rd Place:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"The Second Great Romance"

1st HM: Marleine Yanish, Denver, CO  
2nd HM: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL  
3rd HM: John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL  
4th HM: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN  
5th HM: Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
6th HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
7th HM: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

**14. LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AWARD**

(128 entries) Judge: Dawn Terpstra

**1st Place:** Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO  
"Desert Seeds"

**2nd Place:** Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
"I, Refugee"

**3rd Place:** Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
“The Peacekeeper”

1st HM: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

2nd HM: Betty M. Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

3rd HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

4th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

5th HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD

6th HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

7th HM: Carolynn Scully, Forest City, FL

### **15. POET’S WORK AWARD**

(119 entries) Judge: Pat Durmon

**1st Place:** Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
“Petition of an Unborn Child”

**2nd Place:** Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
“Mother’s Counsel”

**3rd Place:** Betty M. Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL  
“God does not leave us comfortless”

1st HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

2nd HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

3rd HM: Jane Pettibone, Littleton, CO

4th HM: Angela Kom, Rochester, MN

5th HM: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

6th HM: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

7th HM: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

### **16. POWER OF WOMEN AWARD**

(124 entries) Judge: Jennifer Horne

**1st Place:** Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
“A Calling: Teaching the Country School”

**2nd Place:** Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX  
“Oxbow”

**3rd Place:** Tilli Urban, Denver, CO  
“Small Woman Workday”

1st HM: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

2nd HM: Elizabeth Shelley, Memphis, TN

3rd HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

4th HM: Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH

5th HM: Kathleen McIntosh, New Haven, CT

6th HM: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

7th HM: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

### **17. THE VIRGINIA CORRIE-COZART**

**MEMORIAL AWARD** (122 entries) Judge: Sharon Mishler Fox

**1st Place:** Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading, PA  
“The Fish, the Woman and the Moon”

**2nd Place:** Diane Attwell Palfrey, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
“Metamorphosis”

**3rd Place:** Terry Miller, Richmond, TX  
“Faux Phoenix”

1st HM: Randy Mazie, Blairsville, GA

2nd HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

3rd HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

4th HM: Peter M. Gordon, Orlando, FL

5th HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

6th HM: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

7th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

### **\*18. MILDRED VORPAHL BAASS REMEMBRANCE AWARD (\*Members Only)**

(102 entries) Judge: Sue Brennan Walker

**1st Place:** Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA  
“I Need a Pangur Bun”

**2nd Place:** Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL  
“King Harry and Little Bess”

**3rd Place:** Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM  
“Foster Mom”

1st HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

2nd HM: Steven H. Leitch, West Jordan, UT

3rd HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

4th HM: Libby Jones, Berea, KY

5th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

6th HM: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

7th HM: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

### **19. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS AWARD**

(167 entries) Judge: Tom Hunley

**1st Place:** Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI  
“Driving to Gravelly Point”

**2nd Place:** Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO  
“Elegy for My Grocery Store”

**3rd Place:** Steven H. Leitch, West Jordan, UT  
“Knowing the Story”

1st HM: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

2nd HM: Betty M. Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

3rd HM: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

4th HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

5th HM: Joan Hofmann, Collinsville, CT

6th HM: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

7th HM: Rose Ann Spait, Columbus, OH

### **20. JESSICA C. SAUNDERS MEMORIAL AWARD**

(97 entries) Judge: Florence Bruce

**1st Place:** Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
“Shells”

**2nd Place:** Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS  
“No More Waiting”

**3rd Place:** Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
“The Fisherman’s Widow”

1st HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

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

3rd HM: Deborah Livesay, Rogers, AR

4th HM: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, Cheshire UK

5th HM: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

6th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

7th HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmund, OK

### **21. POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA AWARD**

(131 entries) Judge: Amy Irish

**1st Place:** Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

“A Walk by the Pond”

**2nd Place:** Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

“An Old Woman Lights the Sun”

**3rd Place:** John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

“Dark Leaves”

1st HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

2nd HM: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, Cheshire UK

3rd HM: Joan Hofmann, Collinsville, CT

4th HM: Jenna Funkhouser, Portland, OR

5th HM: Linda Frisa, Cincinnati, OH

6th HM: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

7th HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

## **22. NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(114 entries) Judge: Barbara Blanks

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

“The Season the World Paused, 2020”

**2nd Place:** Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

“A Year to Forget?”

**3rd Place:** Carol Clark Williams, York, PA

“The Cure”

1st HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

2nd HM: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

3rd HM: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

4th HM: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

5th HM: Beverly Hadden, Ft. Collins, CO

6th HM: Sam Wright, Toledo, OH

7th HM: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

## **23. WILLIAM STAFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD**

(173 entries) Judge: Lisa Kamolnick

**1st Place:** Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

“Markings”

**2nd Place:** Sophia Gauthier, Tacoma, WA

“This Is Her”

**3rd Place:** Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

“Counting, Newtown”

1st HM: Ana Reizens Desvern, Barcelona, Spain

2nd HM: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

3rd HM: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR

4th HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

5th HM: Jessica Temple, Huntsville, AL

6th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

7th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

## **24. THE NEW YORK POETRY FORUM AWARD**

(151 entries) Judge: Tamara Baxter

**1st Place:** Susan Morse, Salem, OR

“Of Plates and Poets, a Somewhat Ars Poetica”

**2nd Place:** Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

“A Poem about Nothing”

**3rd Place:** Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

“Blood Tithe”

1st HM: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN

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

3rd HM: Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

4th HM: Carol Clark Williams, York, PA

5th HM: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

6th HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

7th HM: Jessica Temple, Huntsville, AL

## **\*25. COLUMBINE POETS OF COLORADO AWARD (\*Members Only)**

(104 entries) Judge: Mark Terry

**1st Place:** Jean Bell, Evergreen, CO

“Ninety-Five Percent Effective”

**2nd Place:** Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

“I Walked My Dog”

**3rd Place:** Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

“The Quilt of America”

1st HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

2nd HM: Beverly Hadden, Ft. Collins, CO

3rd HM: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH

4th HM: Michael Owens, Cypress, TX

5th HM: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

6th HM: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

7th HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

## **26. MORTON D. PROUTY & ELSIE S. PROUTY MEMORIAL AWARD (190 entries) Judge: Diane Glancy**

**1st Place:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

“Cardinal Flight”

**2nd Place:** Jessica Temple, Huntsville, AL

“At Sunrise”

**3rd Place:** Stephen Curry, Jackson, MS

“Dragonfly”

1st HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

2nd HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

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

4th HM: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN

5th HM: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

6th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

7th HM: Sylvia Reilly Collins, S. Hamilton, MA

Citation: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

## **27. LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD (165 entries) Judge: Susan Gundlach**

**1st Place:** Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

“Stream of My Consciousness”

**2nd Place:** Terry Miller, Richmond, TX

“Love Dance”

**3rd Place:** Libby Jones, Berea, KY

“Making *Pain Perdu* for my Husband's Mother”

1st HM: Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO

2nd HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

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

4th HM: Byron Hoot, Rochester Mills, PA

5th HM: Brian Acord, Centerville, UT

6th HM: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN

7th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

**\*28. NAOMI STROUD SIMMONS AWARD**

(\*Members Only) (156 entries) Judge: Joe Cavanaugh

**1st Place:** Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO

“A Glimmer in the Wind”

**2nd Place:** Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

“Understory”

**3rd Place:** Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

“Because Dad Has Parkinsons”

1st HM: Gary Ketchum, New Port Richey, FL

2nd HM: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

3rd HM: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

4th HM: Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX

5th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

6th HM: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport,

Merseyside UK

7th HM: Inge Logenbury Kyler, Eaton Rapids, MI

**29. UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(123 entries) Judge: Sandra Nantais

**1st Place:** Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

“The Precious Opal of Birkenau”

**2nd Place:** Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

“My Inheritance”

3rd Place: Tanya R. Whitney, Sorrento, LA

“Family Albums”

1st HM: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

2nd HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

3rd HM: John W. Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR

4th HM: Mary Shaw, Indianola, IA

5th HM: Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

6th HM: Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL

7th HM: Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN

**30. CSPS JAMES E. MACWHINNEY MEMORIAL AWARD** (54 entries) Judge: Anita Jepson-Gilbert

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

“Longing”

**2nd Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

“Views Fore and Aft”

**3rd Place:** Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

“The Fisherman”

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

2nd HM: Dee Bowlin, Vinton, VA

3rd HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

4th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

5th HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

6th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

7th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

**31. ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(99 entries) Judge: Jon Sebba

**1st Place:** Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

“It Was the Age of Innocence”

**2nd Place:** Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

“Widow at the Bookstore”

**3rd Place:** Peter M. Gordon, Orlando, FL

“Inscriptions”

1st HM: Steven H. Leitch, West Jordan, UT

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

3rd HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

4th HM: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, Cheshire UK

5th HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

6th HM: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

7th HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD

**32. THE ROBBIE AWARD** (93 entries) Judge: Julie Cummings

**1st Place:** Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

“Gretchen's Hymn”

**2nd Place:** Linda Frisa, Cincinnati, OH

“Japanese Lanterns”

**3rd Place:** Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

“Thesaurus”

1st HM: Henry Panowitsch, Mankato, MN

2nd HM: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

3rd HM: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

4th HM: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

5th HM: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

6th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

7th HM: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

Citation: Tim Schulz, Venice, FL

**33. OHIO AWARD**

(159 entries) Judge: William “Bill” Reyer

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

“The Gift”

**2nd Place:** Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

“Rattler”

**3rd Place:** Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

“Rye Grass”

1st HM: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

2nd HM: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN

3rd HM: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

4th HM: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

5th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

6th HM: Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO

7th HM: Terrie Jacks, Ballwin, MO

**34. FLORIDA STATE POETS ASSOCIATION, INC. AWARD** (57 entries) Judge: Lori Goetz

**1st Place:** Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

“Catface”

**2nd Place:** Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

“Florida Sonata”

**3rd Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

“Tupelo Honey”

1st HM: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

2nd HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

3rd HM: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

4th HM: Randy Mazie, Blairsville, GA

5th HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

7th HM: Faye Smalling Guinn, Jonesboro, AR

### **35. POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN AWARD**

(145 entries) Judge: Julie Allyn Johnson

**1st Place:** Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

“All You Want”

**2nd Place:** Laura Altshul, New Haven, CT

“After the Operation”

**3rd Place:** Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

“Homecoming”

1st HM: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI

2nd HM: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

3rd HM: Julie K. Shavin, Fountain, CO

4th HM: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside UK

5th HM: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX

6th HM: Phil Flott, Omaha, NE

7th HM: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL

### **36. MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(88 entries) Judge: Lynda LaRocca

**1st Place:** Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

“Fragrant Day”

**2nd Place:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

“An Old Man's Wallet”

**3rd Place:** Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

“Quarantined”

1st HM: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

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

3rd HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4th HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmund, OK

5th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

6th HM: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

7th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

### **\*37. JESSE STUART MEMORIAL AWARD**

(\*Members Only) (132 entries) Judge: Holly Dunlap

**1st Place:** Terry Miller, Richmond, TX

“In a Poem about My Mother”

**2nd Place:** Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT

“Safe”

**3rd Place:** Pepper Trail, Ashland, OR

“Old Dog”

1st HM: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

2nd HM: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

3rd HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4th HM: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI

5th HM: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

6th HM: Jessica Temple, Huntsville, AL

7th HM: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

### **38. MISSOURI STATE POETRY SOCIETY**

**AWARD** (45 entries) Judge: Jerri Hardesty

**1st Place:** Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

“The Forgotten Inhabitants”

**2nd Place:** Vicki Arnett, Preston, MO

“Show Me, Missouri!”

**3rd Place:** Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

“I'm in a Show Me State of Mind”

1st HM: Susan Daubenspeck, Corpus Christi, TX

2nd HM: Crystal Barker, North Las Vegas, NV

3rd HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

4th HM: Laura Trigg, Little Rock, AR

5th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

6th HM: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

7th HM: Tanya R. Whitney, Sorrento, LA

### **39. BARBARA STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD**

(179 entries) Judge: Rita Aiken Moritz

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

Merseyside UK

“Departure”

**2nd Place:** Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

“New Perspective”

**3rd Place:** Betty Kossick, Apopka, FL

“One Man's Miracle”

1st HM: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

2nd HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

3rd HM: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

4th HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

5th HM: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN

6th HM: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

7th HM: Kathryn Schmeiser, Fairiew, NC

### **\*40. ALICE MAKENZIE SWAIM MEMORIAL**

**AWARD (\*Members Only)** (71 entries) Judge: Julie K.

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**1st Place:** Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

“Remainders”

**2nd Place:** Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

“As the Rain Changes”

**3rd Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

“Sycamore's Revenge”

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

2nd HM: Wesley Sims, Oak Ridge, TN

3rd HM: Karen Mastracchio, Spring, TX

4th HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD

5th HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7th HM: Elizabeth, Wilmslow, Cheshire UK

### **\*41. POETRY SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA**

**AWARD (\*Members Only)** (59 entries) Judge: Diane

Clark

**1st Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

“El Faro”

**2nd Place:** Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

“Late Afternoon Icicles”

**3rd Place:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

“The Dead and Unread”

1st HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
2nd HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
3rd HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmund, OK  
4th HM: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
5th HM: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
6th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
7th HM: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

**42. SAVE OUR EARTH AWARD** (92 entries) Judge: Alida Rol

**1st Place:** Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
“The Albatross”

**2nd Place:** Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
“Earth Day Fiftieth Anniversary”

**3rd Place:** Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
“Cut”

1st HM: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR  
2nd HM: Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX  
3rd HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
4th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
5th HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
6th HM: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
7th HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

**43. MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** (149 entries) Judge: Alan Perry

**1st Place:** Christine Boldt, Temple, TX  
“The Prayer Rug”

**2nd Place:** Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
“Sum of the Parts”

**3rd Place:** Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA  
“Naming”

1st HM: Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO  
2nd HM: Iris Lee Underwood, Leonard, MI  
3rd HM: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA  
4th HM: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
5th HM: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX  
6th HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
7th HM: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

**\*44. POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE AWARD (\*Members Only)** (113 entries) Judge: Polly Opsahl

**1st Place:** Terry Miller, Richmond, TX  
“The Blues”

**2nd Place:** Patricia Hale, West Hartford, CT  
“Guitar Paradise”

**3rd Place:** Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
“Breakfast Sonnet”

1st HM: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
2nd HM: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN  
3rd HM: Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN  
4th HM: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
5th HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
6th HM: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, Cheshire UK  
7th HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

**45. IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION AWARD**

(110 entries) Judge: Karen Kay Bailey

**1st Place:** Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM  
“Kerchoo! Call the Zoo!”

**2nd Place:** Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside UK  
“Upside Down”

**3rd Place:** Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA  
“Rainy Day Blues”

1st HM: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
2nd HM: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN  
3rd HM: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
4th HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmund, OK  
5th HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
6th HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
7th HM: Deborah Livesay, Rogers, AR

**46. WYOPOETS AWARD** (79 entries) Judge: Jessica Temple

**1st Place:** Kathleen McIntosh, New Haven, CT  
“Wyoming 1931”

**2nd Place:** Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN  
“Hindsight”

**3rd Place:** Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
“Oklahoma Panhandle, 1931: A Photograph”

1st HM: Patricia Hale, West Hartford, CT  
2nd HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
3rd HM: Doris Jones, Madison, MS  
4th HM: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
5th HM: Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO  
6th HM: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX  
7th HM: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA

**\*47. SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION AWARD (\*Members Only)** (84 entries) Judge: Sally Ortiz

**1st Place:** Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA  
“Dining at Mama Rose's”

**2nd Place:** Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
“The Patchwork Quilt”

**3rd Place:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
“With Patient Hands”

1st HM: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
2nd HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
3rd HM: Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
4th HM: Rosemary Moeller, Saint Lawrence, SD  
5th HM: Betty M. Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL  
6th HM: Louise Brown, Arvada, CO  
7th HM: Paula Sweeney Kowszik, Millbury, MA

**48. MAINE POETS SOCIETY AWARD** (125 entries) Judge: Lisa Fosmo

**1st Place:** Carolyn E. Campbell, Evergreen, CO  
“Strauss on the Boardwalk”

**2nd Place:** Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX  
“Zé Peixe”

3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
"California Green Dream"

1st HM: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

2nd HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

3rd HM: James Gaines, Fredericksburg, VA

4th HM: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

5th HM: Lucia Wainwright, Westcliffe, CO

6th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

7th HM: Constance Boyle, Denver, CO

**\*49. MIRIAM S. STRAUSS MEMORIAL AWARD**  
(\*Members Only) (62 entries) Judge: Charmaine Pappas  
Donovan

1st Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
"Buckle Up"

**2nd Place:** Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO  
"Eyes on the Road"

**3rd Place:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Hirsute Is Out"

1st HM: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport,  
Merseyside UK

2nd HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

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

4th HM: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

5th HM: Richard R. Cuyler, Middlebury, VT

6th HM: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN

7th HM: Marjorie Dohman, Riceville, IA

**\*50. THE POETS NORTHWEST AWARD**  
(\*Members Only) (127 entries) Judge: Janet Qually

**1st Place:** Mary E. Merlo, Troy, MI  
"Word Omelets"

**2nd Place:** Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
"An Angel of Mercy"

**3rd Place:** Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
"Landlady"

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

2nd HM: Peter M. Gordon, Orlando, FL

3rd HM: Crystal Barker, North Las Vegas, NV

4th HM: Janet Kamnikar, Fort Collins, CO

5th HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

6th HM: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX

7th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

**51. STUDENT AWARD (Grades 9-12)**

(25 entries) Judge: Budd Powell Mahan

**1st Place:** Julie Sweat, Jonesboro, AR  
"Worship"

**2nd Place:** Dynasty Green, Ladson, SC  
"My Truth"

**3rd Place:** Dominique Rivera, Hot Springs, AR  
"Glass Bride"

1st HM: Vivian Rong, Cherry Hill, NJ

2nd HM: Lillian Glass, Dierks, AR

3rd HM: Cora LeCates, Brooklyn, NY

4th HM: Isabella Wang, Farmington, CT

5th HM: Ella Loxley, Highland Village, TX

6th HM: Lorah Chudy, North Little Rock, AR

7th HM: Ajay Sawant, Maharashtra, India

**52. POETRY IN THE CLASSROOM (Grades 6-8)**

(5 entries) Judge: Budd Powell Mahan

**1st Place:** Avah Dodson, Lafayette, CA  
"Night Jitters"

**2nd Place:** Tessa Avery, Amherst, NH  
"Love Letter to Autumn"

**3rd Place:** Matthew Hayden, Aurora, CO  
"2020"

1st HM: Holly B. Winfield, Lemont, PA

2nd HM: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

**53. POETRY IN THE CLASSROOM (Grades 3-5)**

(8 entries) Judge: Budd Powell Mahan

**1st Place:** Masia Lee Conklin, Amherst, NH  
"The Teacher I Learned to Love"

**2nd Place:** Lyla Hardy, Frederick, CO  
"Fearless, Flawless, Smart, Strong"

**3rd Place:** Daniel Wagner, Frederick, CO  
"I Am Kind and Creative"

1st HM: Kerry Gonzalez, Woodford, VA

2nd HM: Nyuraj Katuwal, Frederick, CO

3rd HM: Kellsie Montgomery, Frederick, CO

4th HM: Ava Sewczak, Frederick, CO

5th HM: Juliette Ramirez, Frederick, CO