

## **2024 NFSPS Contest Award Winners**

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

**Judge:** Kevin Rabas # **Entries** 348

1st Place: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

“Anyone Could Know”

2nd Place: Lynne Schmidt, Norway, ME

“The Jeans”

3rd Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

“To Be Homeless”

HM1: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

HM2: Julia Meylor Simpson, Groton, CT

HM3: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

HM4: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM5: Holly E. Antoun, Golden, CO

HM6: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM7: Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT

### **2. The Margo Award**

**Judge:** Sue Walker # **Entries** 189

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

“Odysseus Takes the Scenic Route”

2nd Place: John W. Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR

“The Path Back”

3rd Place: Irene Alderson, Minneapolis, MN

“Migration”

HM1: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL

HM2: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

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

HM5: Manuel L. English, Poulsville, WA

HM6: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

HM7: Marcia Jones, Evergreen, CO

### **3. Social Critique Poetry Award**

**Judge:** JoLea Johnson # **Entries** 154

1st Place: Joel Passey, Layton, UT

“Adding to the Abode of My Heart”

2nd Place: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

“A Game of Scrabble: I Draw More Letters from the Bag”

3rd Place: Jade Rosina McCutcheon, Salem, OR

“Our Place”

HM1: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM2: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

HM3: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM4: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

HM5: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM6: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM7: Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA

### **4. Donald Stodghill Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Judge:** Joe Cavanaugh # **Entries** 179

1st Place: Mary Alice Higgs, Roxie, MS

“The World Is Too Much for Me Today”

2nd Place: Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

“The Girl in the Photograph”

3rd Place: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO

“Coyote Willows”

HM1: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

HM2: Sylvia Collins, South Hamilton MA

HM3: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM5: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM6: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

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

### **5. Winners' Circle Award**

**Judge:** Lennart Lundh # **Entries** 167

1st Place: Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

“Last Night”

2nd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

“Night Rain”

3rd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

“Where Children Play”

HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM2: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM3: Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR

HM4: Norman Thomas Marshall, Guilford, CT

HM5: Robert V. Davis, West Haven, UT

HM6: Julie Cummings, Conifer, CO

HM7: Lynne Schmidt, Norway, ME

### **6. NFSPS Board Award**

**Judge:** Julie Cummings # **Entries** 46

1st Place: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

“Traveling with Intent”

2nd Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

“London, England 1665”

3rd Place: Richard R. Cuyler, Middlebury, VT

“More”

HM1: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

HM2: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

HM3: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

HM4: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM5: Faith Canright, Portland, OR

HM6: Gail White, Breau Bridge, LA

HM7: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

### **7. Stone Gathering Award**

**Judge:** Barbara Funke # **Entries** 169

1st Place: Joan Hofmann, Collinsville, CT

“Day After Removal of the Sling from a Broken Radial

Head in the Elbow of my Right-Dominant Arm”

2nd Place: Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

“Pa”

3rd Place: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

“Eating Watermelon”

HM1: Lynne McNamara, Longmont, CO

HM2: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM3: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

HM4: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM5: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN

HM6: Mary R. Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

HM7: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

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

**Judge:** Katie Sarah Zale # **Entries** 176

1st Place: Prosser Stirling, Washington, DC

“Cowboy Movie”

2nd Place: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX

“A Dry Cry Comes”

3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

“Ennu”

HM1: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM2: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM3: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM4: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM5: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM6: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM7: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

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

**Judge:** Alida Rol # **Entries** 125

1st Place: Katherine Nelson-Born, Pensacola, FL

“The Surrender”

2nd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

“What Was Left, What Was Lost”

3rd Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

“Passing through the Pines, 1831”

HM1: Sonya Manes, Tucson, AZ

HM2: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

HM3: Terry Miller, Richmond, TX

HM4: Allison Thorpe, Lexington, KY

HM5: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM6: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO

HM7: Barry Lewis, Lee’s Summit, MO

### **10. Lucille Morgan Wilson Memorial Award**

**Judge:** M. Palowski Moore # **Entries** 160

1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

“At the Bath”

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

“Under the Garden”

3rd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

“Kaleidoscope”

HM1: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

HM2: Carolyn Campbell, Evergreen, CO

HM3: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

HM4: Rita Cassell, Lakewood, CO

HM5: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM6: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

HM7: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

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

**Judge:** Leith Jones # **Entries** 164

1st Place: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

“After Rabindranath Tagore and the Dancing Woman”

2nd Place: Dawn Kawahara, Lihue, HI

“Unveiling Two Paintings by Frida Kahlo as Her Epitaph”

3rd Place: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

“Gladys Loss”

HM1: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM2: Prosser Stirling, Washington, DC

HM3: Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL

HM4: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

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

HM6: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

HM7: Julia Meylor Simpson, Groton, CT

### **12. The Countee Cullen Poetry Prize**

**Judge:** Dan Liberthson # **Entries** 53

1st Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

“Tough Transition”

2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

“At the Awards Ceremony”

3rd Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

“Voice from God’s Garden”

HM1: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ

HM2: Julia Keefer, Tucson, AZ

HM3: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM4: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

HM5: D. E. Green, Northfield, MN

HM6: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM7: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

**13. Arizona State Poetry Society Award****Judge:** Alan Perry # **Entries** 154

1st Place: Prosser Stirling, Washington, DC

“On the Night of Shooting Stars”

2nd Place: Jane Stuart, Flatwoods, KY

“His Waxen Wings”

3rd Place: Julie Martin, Saint Paul, MN

“Ungrasp”

HM1: Terri Klein, Albuquerque, NM

HM2: Marcia Jones, Evergreen, CO

HM3: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM4: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM5: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM6: Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM7: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

**14. Jim Barton Memorial Award (Members Only)****Judge:** Connie Jordan Green # **Entries** 164

1st Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

“Bank of the River Oise”

2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

“Icebergs”

3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

“Better Than New England’s Fall”

HM1: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

HM2: Chris Boldt, Temple, TX

HM3: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

HM4: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM6: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL

HM7: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

**15. Alabama State Poetry Society Award****Judge:** Dr. Diane M. Clark # **Entries** 77

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

“Epiphany”

2nd Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

“This Lighter Load”

3rd Place: Tilli Urban, Denver, CO

“All Alone”

HM1: Donna Geise, Owens Cross Roads, AL

HM2: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM3: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

HM5: Rita Geil, Carson City, NV

HM6: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL

HM7: Chris Boldt, Temple, TX

**16. Land of Enchantment Award****Judge:** Ida Kotyuk # **Entries** 132

1st Place: Susan Wurtzburg, Salt Lake City, UT

“Blue Skies Beckon”

2nd Place: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading, PA

“Greener Pastures”

3rd Place: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN

“Niwaki”

HM1: Alexandra Shandrenko, New Market, MD

HM2: Cathy Hollister, Hermitage, TN

HM3: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS

HM4: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

HM5: Jerry V. Buchanan, Johnson City, TN

HM6: Michael Spears, Sandy, UT

HM7: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO

**17. Poet’s Work Award****Judge:** Charmaine Pappas Donovan # **Entries** 125

1st Place: Allison Joseph, Carbondale, IL

“Still Every Woman”

2nd Place: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN

“Song of the Empty Flowerpot”

3rd Place: Prosser Stirling, Washington, DC

“Ogygia”

HM1: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM2: Terry Miller, Richmond, TX

HM3: Carolyn Campbell, Evergreen, CO

HM4: Nancy Christopherson, Baker City, OR

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

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

**18. The Listening Poem Award****Judge:** Lynda La Rocca # **Entries** 156

1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

“Book Marked”

2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

“Listening to Water Pray”

3rd Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

“In the Walls”

HM1: Kristin Lenz, Royal Oak, MI

HM2: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO

HM3: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

HM4: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM5: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM6: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

HM7: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

**19. Mildred Cummings Memorial Award****Judge:** Susan Stevens Chambers # **Entries** 110

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

“Gold”

2nd Place: Allison Thorpe, Lexington, KY

“The Kitchen Table Discusses Family Meals”

3rd Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO

“Heartbreak Potatoes”

HM1: Sarah Russell, Denver, CO

HM2: E. King, Elgin, IL

HM3: Jonathan Bennett, Lakeland, TN

HM4: Cynthia Storrs, Nolensville, TN

HM5: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

HM6: Michael Owens, Cypress, TX

HM7: Terri Klein, Albuquerque, NM

**20. Power of Women Award****Judge:** Anamarie Wilkins # **Entries** 142

1st Place: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

“STEAM Girl”

2nd Place: Travis Park, Noblesville, IN

“Unyielding Spirit”

3rd Place: Alexandra Shandrenko, New Market, MD

“I Am a Woman”

HM1: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

HM2: Faith Canright, Portland, OR

HM3: Linda R. Payne, Ramsey, MN

HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

HM5: Erica Mattson, Royal Oak, MI

HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM7: Erika Seshadri, Lamy, NM

**21. The Virginia Corrie-Cozart Memorial Award****Judge:** Carol Clark Williams # **Entries** 143

1st Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

“Footsteps in the Snow”

2nd Place: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Hts., MN

“geometry”

3rd Place: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO

“Losing the 1860 Farmhouse”

HM1: Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR

HM2: Joyce Allen, Ankeny, IA

HM3: Rita Cassell, Lakewood, CO

HM4: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM5: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM6: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM7: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

**22. Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award**(Members Only) **Judge:** Patricia Tiffany Morris # **Entries** 96

1st Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

“What Cats Dream Of”

2nd Place: Stephanie DuPont, Sugar Hill, GA

“A Scratched Symphony”

3rd Place: Travis Park, Noblesville, IN

“Enchanted Purr”

HM1: Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

HM2: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM4: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM5: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

HM6: Virginia Gilbert, Madison, AL

HM7: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR

**23. League of Minnesota Poets Award****Judge:** Jill Angel Langlois # **Entries** 168

1st Place: John R. Seksay, Augusta, ME

“Almost Touching”

2nd Place: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

“Thursday the Twelfth”

3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

“My Brother Died This Morning”

HM1: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

HM2: Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA

HM3: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

HM4: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

HM5: Mary Permann, Grimes, IA

HM6: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM7: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

**24. Jessica C. Saunders Memorial Award****Judge:** Barbara Blanks # **Entries** 93

1st Place: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

“Redundant Doors”

2nd Place: Erica Reid, Fort Collins, CO

“Scarf”

3rd Place: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

“To A Mermaid”

HM1: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

HM2: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

HM3: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

HM4: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

HM5: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM6: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

HM7: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

**25. Poetry Society of Indiana Award**

**Judge:** Karen Kay Bailey # **Entries** 107  
 1st Place: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA  
 “yesterday’s storm”  
 2nd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
 “Glitter”  
 3rd Place: Jerry V. Buchanan, Johnson City, TN  
 “Fulgurate”  
 HM1: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK  
 HM2: Prosser Stirling, Washington, DC  
 HM3: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 HM4: Sylvia Collins, South Hamilton, MA  
 HM5: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM6: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR  
 HM7: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

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

**Judge:** Nancy Susanna Breen # **Entries** 66  
 1st Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
 “Shall I Compare Thee to a Bale of Hay?”  
 2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 “Avoiding a Chore on a Saturday Morning”  
 3rd Place: Carie Juetner, Richardson, TX  
 “Hysterics”  
 HM1: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
 HM2: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
 HM3: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 HM4: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM5: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
 HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 HM7: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

**27. William Stafford Memorial Award**

**Judge:** Nancy Flynn # **Entries** 171  
 1st Place: Heather Anderson, Albuquerque, NM  
 “Here, at the end of the world”  
 2nd Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM  
 “Pieces of Heaven”  
 3rd Place: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA  
 “Under the Cover of Charm”  
 HM1: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX  
 HM2: Pam Tucker, Powell Butte, OR  
 HM3: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
 HM4: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
 HM5: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO  
 HM6: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, ME  
 HM7: Marleine Yanish, Denver, CO

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

**Judge:** Donna Salli # **Entries** 159  
 1st Place: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
 “Looking in Frida’s Mirror”  
 2nd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO  
 “I Worry About It All”  
 3rd Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO  
 “The Process by Which a Poetry Class Supplies Its Cells and Tissues with Oxygen”  
 HM1: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
 HM2: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
 HM3: Dawn Kawahara, Lihue, HI  
 HM4: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 HM5: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
 HM6: B Shawn Clark, Englewood, FL  
 HM7: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

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

**Judge:** Julie Allyn Johnson # **Entries** 185  
 1st Place: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
 “The Prairie Man”  
 2nd Place: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 “Overnight in Tikal”  
 3rd Place: Rita Geil, Carson City, NV  
 “Lyons Creek Trail”  
 HM1: Rajiv Kumra, San Jose, CA  
 HM2: Hugh Findlay, Durham, NC  
 HM3: Sherri Stepakoff, Needham, MA  
 HM4: Connie Green, Lenoir City, TN  
 HM5: Belle Schmidt, Longmont, CO  
 HM6: Allison Thorpe, Lexington, KY  
 HM7: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

**30. Loretta Diane Walker Memorial Award (Members Only)**

**Judge:** Emily Strauss # **Entries** 163  
 1st Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO  
 “Fifty-Six Words on Breathing”  
 2nd Place: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 “Power Outage”  
 3rd Place: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
 “One Evening”  
 HM1: Kristin Middleton, Albuquerque, NM  
 HM2: Julie Cummings, Conifer, CO  
 HM3: Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
 HM4: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
 HM5: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
 HM6: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ  
 HM7: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

**31. Utah State Poetry Society Award**

**Judge:** Jason Ervin # **Entries** 111  
 1st Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
 “Her Body”  
 2nd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO  
 “Transfiguration”  
 3rd Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO  
 “Learning to Swim While Drowning”  
 HM1: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO  
 HM2: Jeff Ward, Trinity, TX  
 HM3: Rita Geil, Carson City, NV  
 HM4: Larry Witherspoon, Little Rock, AR  
 HM5: Karen Betstadt, Denver, CO  
 HM6: Derek Healy, Malvern, UK  
 HM7: Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

**32. Illinois State Poetry Society Award**

**Judge:** Lorrie Wolfe # **Entries** 105  
 1st Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 “0.0002%”  
 2nd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
 “East or West at the River’s Shore”  
 3rd Place: Elaine Palencia, Champaign, IL  
 “A Creek in Illinois”  
 HM1: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 HM2: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 HM3: Milton Bates, Marquette, MI  
 HM4: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK  
 HM5: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 HM6: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT  
 HM7: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS

**33. The Robbie Award**

**Judge:** Michael Comiskey # **Entries** 103  
 1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 “Death devours all lovely things”  
 2nd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO  
 “Who Wanted to Remain”  
 3rd Place: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 “Theoretical”  
 HM1: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX  
 HM2: Rob Burgess, Oklahoma City, OK  
 HM3: Lynne Schmidt, Norway, ME  
 HM4: Faith Canright, Portland, OR  
 HM5: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN  
 HM6: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN  
 HM7: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

**34. Iowa Poetry Association Award**

**Judge:** Catherine Moran # **Entries** 119  
 1st Place: Marilyn LT Klimcho, Reading, PA  
 “Flights of Imagination”  
 2nd Place: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA  
 “The King’s Words”  
 3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
 “Changing Leaves”  
 HM1: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 HM2: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX  
 HM3: Lynne McNamara, Longmont, CO  
 HM4: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
 HM5: Louise Cook, Sandy, UT  
 HM6: Terrie Jacks, Ballwin, MO  
 HM7: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

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

**Judge:** Mark Andrew James Terry # **Entries** 53  
 1st Place: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS  
 “Ridiculous!”  
 2nd Place: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL  
 “The Morning Wood”  
 3rd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
 “No Hiding Place”  
 HM1: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
 HM2: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
 HM4: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK  
 HM5: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH  
 HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 HM7: Richard R. Cuyler, Middlebury, VT

**36. Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award**

**Judge:** Patricia Thrushart # **Entries** 60  
 1st Place: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX  
 “After Eating at Rudy’s on Lake Ontario”  
 2nd Place: Jonathan Bennett, Lakeland, TN  
 “By the Water”  
 3rd Place: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT  
 “Down the Mustang Trail”  
 HM1: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN  
 HM2: Erica Reid, Fort Collins, CO  
 HM3: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH  
 HM4: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 HM5: Richard Ramsey, Des Moines, IA  
 HM6: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR  
 HM7: Mona Mehas, Noblesville, IN

**37. Ohio Award****Judge:** Susan Maxwell Campbell # **Entries** 174

1st Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
 “October 12th: No Special Occasion”  
 2nd Place: Renee Moenk-Corkery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
 “Pocket Lint”  
 3rd Place: Mary Ann Meade, Lansdowne, PA  
 “At Memorial for Drown Children”  
 HM1: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
 HM2: Nancy Christopherson, Baker City, OR  
 HM3: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX  
 HM4: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX  
 HM5: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI  
 HM6: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
 HM7: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, T

**38. WyoPoets Award****Judge:** Lori Goetz # **Entries** 85

1st Place: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN  
 “Tinta”  
 2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 “The Guernsey Ruts”  
 3rd Place: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR  
 “A Fine Monument”  
 HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 HM2: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
 HM3: Beverly A. Joyce, Land O’ Lakes, MN  
 HM4: Rob Burgess, Oklahoma City, OK  
 HM5: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
 HM6: Patricia J. Koch, Warr Acres, OK  
 HM7: Carolyn Campbell, Evergreen, CO

**39. Florida State Poets Association, Inc. Award****Judge:** Jessica Temple # **Entries** 62

1st Place: Jerry V. Buchanan, Johnson City, TN  
 “Walking in Sand”  
 2nd Place: Faith Canright, Portland, OR  
 “Florida Odyssey”  
 3rd Place: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA  
 “State of Sun and Solace”  
 HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM2: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 HM3: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
 HM4: Edward Rosick, Dewitt, MI  
 HM5: Erika Seshadri, Lamy, NM  
 HM6: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT  
 HM7: Beth Honeycutt, Denton, TX

**40. Poetry Society of Michigan Award****Judge:** Valerie Szarek # **Entries** 147

1st Place: Pam Tucker, Powell Butte, OR  
 “Mending with Moths”  
 2nd Place: Emily Ellison, Portland, OR  
 “Paniculation”  
 3rd Place: Joan Hofmann, Collinsville, CT  
 “A Night of Pleasure”  
 HM1: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX  
 HM2: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
 HM3: Pamelyn Casto, Granbury, TX  
 HM4: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM5: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH  
 HM6: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO  
 HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

**41. Mississippi Poetry Society Award****Judge:** Frank Iosue # **Entries** 90

1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 “The Reunion”  
 2nd Place: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
 “As Love Evolves”  
 3rd Place: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
 “Duet”  
 HM1: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
 HM2: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 HM3: Karen Morris, Pensacola, FL  
 HM4: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR  
 HM5: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 HM6: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 HM7: James Tweedie, Long Beach, WA

**42. Poetry Society of Tennessee Award (Members Only)****Judge:** Christina M. Flaughner # **Entries** 94

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 “Culinary Art”  
 2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
 “Some Cook!”  
 3rd Place: Ruth Keally, Athens, GA  
 “Rat-a-tat-tat”  
 HM1: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 HM2: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
 HM3: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK  
 HM4: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA  
 HM5: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
 HM6: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
 HM7: Michael Owens, Cypress, TX

**43. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award****(Members Only) Judge:** Sarah Wood # **Entries** 46

1st Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
 “The Unknown Made Known”  
 2nd Place: Terry Miller, Richmond, TX  
 “a second crossing”  
 3rd Place: Michael Spears, Sandy, UT  
 “The Drowning of St. Thomas”  
 HM1: Stephanie DuPont, Sugar Hill, GA  
 HM2: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
 HM3: Mary R. Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
 HM4: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
 HM5: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 HM6: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 HM7: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

**44. Jesse Stuart Memorial Award****Judge:** Mary Beth Bretzlauf # **Entries** 136

1st Place: Manuel L. English, Poulsbo, WA  
 “A Time Ago”  
 2nd Place: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
 “Evening’s Bookmark”  
 3rd Place: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL  
 “The Path Well Taken”  
 HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
 HM2: Louise Brown, Arvada, CO  
 HM3: Louise Cook, Sandy, UT  
 HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
 HM5: Mary Permann, Grimes, IA  
 HM6: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN  
 HM7: Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR

**45. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award****Judge:** Pat Mottola # **Entries** 164

1st Place: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX  
 “Tanning with Sister Breeds Skin Cancer”  
 2nd Place: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO  
 “Stay of Execution”  
 3rd Place: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
 “The First Loss”  
 HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM2: Louise Brown, Arvada, CO  
 HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
 HM4: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT  
 HM5: Richard R. Cuyler, Middlebury, VT  
 HM6: Rita Geil, Carson City, NV  
 HM7: James D. Neiswender, Denton, TX

**46. Missouri State Poetry Society Award****Judge:** Alicia Clavell McCall # **Entries** 52

1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 “Under the Gateway Arch”  
 2nd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
 “Show Me Your Names”  
 3rd Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 “The Show-me Shake-up”  
 HM1: Harrison Morris, Hudson, NY  
 HM2: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX  
 HM3: Laura Rodley, Shelburne Falls, MA  
 HM4: Barry Lewis, Lee’s Summit, MO  
 HM5: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 HM6: Mary R. Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
 HM7: Faith Canright, Portland, OR

**47. Save Our Earth Award****Judge:** Eleanor Berry # **Entries** 108

1st Place: Susan Wurtzburg, Salt Lake City, UT  
 “Crows of Hawai’i”  
 2nd Place: Laura Rockhold, Long Lake, MN  
 “The Burning”  
 3rd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 “Native Dancers”  
 HM1: Julia Keefer, Tucson, AZ  
 HM2: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN  
 HM3: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN  
 HM4: Terri Klein, Albuquerque, NM  
 HM5: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 HM6: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 HM7: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

**48. Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award****Judge:** Russell Strauss # **Entries** 142

1st Place: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN  
 “Sleeping with the Ancestors”  
 2nd Place: Mary R. Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada  
 “The History of What Is Said”  
 3rd Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
 “The Grindylow”  
 HM1: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX  
 HM2: Pam Tucker, Powell Butte, OR  
 HM3: D. E. Green, Northfield, MN  
 HM4: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
 HM5: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 HM6: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS  
 HM7: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

**49. Maine Poets Society Award****Judge:** Amy Levitin Graver # **Entries** 84

1st Place: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

“Advisory”

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

“Haiku, Common now: the whale”

3rd Place: Gwen Gunn, Guilford, CT

“The Fire This Time”

HM1: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH

HM2: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM3: Nancy Cook, Saint Paul, MN

HM4: Heather Anderson, Albuquerque, NM

HM5: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

HM6: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

HM7: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

**50. The Poets Northwest Award (Members Only)****Judge:** Marleine Yanish # **Entries** 86

1st Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

“Downtown Cathedral”

2nd Place: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI

“The Bee Sting”

3rd Place: Paul Buchheit, Chicago, IL

“A City Street, December, 8pm”

HM1: Sarah Russell, Denver, CO

HM2: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN

HM3: Terry Miller, Richmond, TX

HM4: Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR

HM5: Louise Brown, Arvada, CO

HM6: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM7: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

**51. Student Award: Grades 9 – 12****Judge:** Ann Copeland # **Entries** 25

1st Place: Clara Principe, Little Rock, AR

“A Date: A Time: A Place:”

2nd Place: Joe Boone, Searcy, AR

“I See an Angel”

3rd Place: Mariposa Farrand, Corvallis, OR

“Circe; Watching Pigs”

HM1: Samantha Olvey, Little Rock, AR

HM2: Via Anderson, Asheville, NC

HM3: Olivia Nony, Little Rock, AR

HM4: Jason Grebenchenko, Arvada, CO

HM5: Avery Greenburg, Los Angeles, CA

HM6: Alanna Stein, Voorhees, NJ

HM7: Claire Ding, Cherry Hill, NJ

**52. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 6 – 8****Judge:** Shari Crane Fox # **Entries** 9

1st Place: Katelyn DeMelfi, Cheyenne, WY

“Broken in Cabinet”

2nd Place: Renee Buda, State College, PA

“I Have Lost”

3rd Place: Kenna Christy, Aurora, CO, CO

“Memories”

HM1: Clara Hollerer, Santa Barbara, CA

HM2: Davis North, Penn State, PA

HM3: K.D. O’Dell, Cheyenne, WY

HM4: Srihari Kumaresan, Urbandale, IA

HM5: Maeve Elliott, Port Matilda, PA

HM6: Ansel Niedermyer, State College, PA

**53. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 3 – 5****Judge:** Shari Crane Fox # **Entries** 6

1st Place: Colin Underwood, Burlington, IA

“Lovable Cats”

2nd Place: Isabella Gram, Burlington, IA

“I Can’t Do My Homework Today”

3rd Place: Milo Osbourne, Burlington, IA

“I Can’t Do My Homework”

HM1: Oliver Cooperman, Burlington, IA

HM2: Tobey Hollenbeck, Burlington, IA

HM3: Regina Critser, Burlington, IA