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

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2. The Margo Award

Entries (154) Judge: Shirley Blackwell

1st Place: Ana Reisens, 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 Flaugher, 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,

"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 Flaugher, 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

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

HM2: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

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

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 Flaugher, 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

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 Flaugher, 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 Reisens, 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

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

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

"Frv 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 Comunión"

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

HM4: Christopher Minton, Gahanna, OH

HM5: Diane Neff, Oviedo, FL HM6: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY HM7: Kenneth Michaels, York, PA

HM3: Karen Morris, Huntsville, AL

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, Renssalear, 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 Flaugher, 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

43. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award

Entries (165) Judge: Louis Brown

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

"Stradivarius"

2nd Place: Beth Avers. McKinnev. 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, Mannkato, 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

50. The Poets Northwest Award (Members Only)

Entries (74) **Judge:** Christina Flaugher 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, Renssalear, 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