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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NFSPS Poets - During my three terms as president of the Poetry Society of Tennessee, I always ended my messages with "Poets are special people," which has always been sincere. I have never known a kinder or more dedicated group of people. What an honor to be a leader of poets! I am still in awe of this responsibility. I know I have been blessed with the most capable board, both elected and appointed, one could every hope for. I am sure we will all do our very best for you. I want to thank all the people in the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas, the Mississippi Poetry Society, and the Poetry Society of Tennessee, for one of the most outstanding NFSPS conventions in memory. I heard only words of praise about the convention in Memphis, no complaints. Many members of the Michigan Poetry Society attended convention and assured me that the Dearborn Convention will be just as excellent. I want to promise to move NFSPS forward. We are in an era that is quite different from those in which we were formed, but each of the twenty-eight preceding presidents has done their part toward moving our organization into the future. I would like you to help me. NFSPS President - Russell H. Strauss - (continued on pg. 8)

### 2010 Youth Award Recipients

Twenty-nine NFSPS member state societies were recognized for their efforts in serving the poetic needs of young people by such means as offering reduced membership rates, conducting annual youth poetry contests, publishing the poems of youth contest winners, sending entries to NFSPS' member society in each of the following states: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, and WY.

### 2010 Poetry Day/Month Award Recipients

The NFSPS member society in each of the following nineteen states was awarded a certificate for member participation in programs/presentations celebrating National Poetry Day on 15 October and National Poetry Month during April: AR, CO, CT, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, OH, OK, PA, TN, TX, UT and WY.

### "HISTORIES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES" PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

The purpose of the "Histories of Member Societies" Project is to preserve all NFSPS member societies' histories and to share them with each other by collecting them in a looseleaf binder available for member perusal in the Book Room at each NFSPS Annual Convention. The NFSPS member society in each of the following twenty-eight states received a silver star in the binder's Directory, designating it as a project participant: AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IN, IA, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT and WY.

### 2010 Special Awards Recipients

Special award certificates were presented to the member society in each of the following eight states: AR, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MS, PA, and TX

### 2009 ENCORE Cover Art Contest Winner

Samuel J. Zook, JR., Mechanicsburg, OH

### 2010 Manningham Trust Competition Winners

Junior Division: Grades 6-8 (102 Entries) Judge:

- Christine Valentine, Birny, MO  
1 Jordan Thomas - The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX  
2 Nikita Agarwal - The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX  
3 Clayton O'Hanlon - Parkway Central Middle School, Chesterfield, MO  
4 Keegan Hines - Robinson Middle School, Little Rock, AR  
5 Jamie Burke - Tomlin Middle School, Plant City, FL  
1 HM Victoria Feller - Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, CO  
2 HM Heather Hartwell - Thomas Middle School, Arlington Heights, IL  
3 HM Emilie Winn - Sunnyside Environmental, Portland, OR  
4 HM Tate Kennedy - St. Philomena School, Peoria, IL  
5 HM Emma Dunlop - Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville, IN

### Senior Division: Grades 9-12 (104 entries)

- Judge: Ruth F. Harrison, Waldport, OR  
1 Gracie Novotny - Denver School of the Arts, Denver, CO  
2 Elizabeth Niemer - Hempstead High School, Dubuque, IA  
3 Julia Enthoven - The Hockaday School,  
4 Krista Oehike - Greenhill School, Addison, TX  
5 Sarah Garner - Cape Central High School, Cape Girardeau, MO  
1HM Anna Wetterer-Discoery Canyon High School, Colorado Springs, CO  
2HM Kris Murray - Oak Park and River Forest High School, Oak Park, IL  
3HM Frieda Fein - John Adams High School, South Bend, IN  
4HM Ryan Robinson - Valley High School, West Des Moines, IA

### REMEMBERING MEMPHIS, 2010

In June, convention attendees returned to their home states saying, "You should have been there," to friends that were unable to attend. This year's convention in Memphis was an experiment that worked. Never before has a convention been jointly sponsored by three state societies, but we feel this will happen again in the future. I was amazed that during the entire convention I never received a complaint about the hotel, the tours, the food, the speakers, or anything else. I did not even receive complaints about out hot, humid Memphis weather.

The convention began with a kick-off cocktail party at the home of a very gracious host, Sarah Gurley. A Graceland tour followed on Thursday morning. That evening, seventy-five of our convention attendees gathered at Central Barbeque for a real Memphis barbeque dinner. Each of the following days was delegated to a different state, with each state planning its own program and speakers and providing its own table decorations and door prizes. There were too many marvelous speakers to mention them all here, but everyone of them was well received. (John Crawford, for one, was given a standing ovation.)

After our Sunday night reception during which we enjoyed a sing-a-long to the talented piano playing of Elva Avara, officers were installed, our main speaker- Lola Haskins- gave one of the most outstanding talks ever given at an NFSPS convention; and our contest chairman, Christine Beck, announced the big money contest awards.

The last event of the convention was our Monday morning downtown tour that took those who wanted to see more of the city to see such sights as Beale Street, St. Jude Hospital, and the Peabody ducks. What a joy it was to have so many poets from all over the country with us in Memphis. We could start by thanking people such as our registrar, Sarah Gurley, who handled such a difficult job with efficiency and dedication; our tri-state coordinator, Ann Carolyn Cates, who unified all of our efforts— making our cooperative venture possible; Dr. Emory Jones and Jim Barton, who coordinated our Mississippi and Arkansas activities; Prince McLemore, who handled the book room so well that others want to copy his methods; and so many others. I wish I could thank them all, but there were perhaps forty or fifty different people in our three states that contributed to our efforts and I would not want to leave any of them out.

My thanks to all of you who attended. I hope you remember Memphis favorably, and I know we will have fond memories in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, of being your hosts.

Onward to Michigan!

Russell H. Strauss-New NFSPS President & Tennessee Coordinator for the 2010 NFSPS Convention.

### Edna Meudt Memorial Award

Jason Bradford, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA for his manuscript - *Remembering the Future*

### Florence Kahn Memorial Award

Moriah Erickson, College of St. Scholastica, for her manuscript - *Night Boat*



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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE  
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**2010 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS**

**1. NFSPS FOUNDERS AWARD (to honor Mary B. Wall) \$1500, \$500, \$250** (499 entries – Judge: Alan Birkelbach, Plano, TX)

**1 Janet McCann, College Station, TX -**  
*Galileo's Eye*

**2 Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX**  
*-The Inheritance and NOTES*

**3 Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR -**  
*Noiseless*

1 HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX  
2 HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR  
3 HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR  
4 HM Daniel D. Maguire, Baltimore, MD  
5HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN  
6HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT  
7HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX

**2. WINNERS' CIRCLE AWARD - \$500, \$355, \$255** (280 entries – Judge: Margo LaGattuta, Rochester, MI)

**1 Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL -***Ghost Garden*

**2 Colette Tennant, Salme, OR -***Kin*

**3 Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI -***View Down the Kaleidoscope*

1HM Dorothy Williams, Golden CO  
2HM Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO  
3HM Betty Leake, West Chester, OH  
4HM Janie Homan, Littleton, CO -  
5HM Patricia Sette, Sterling, MA  
6HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas TX  
7HM Roberta Marggraff, Waterbury, CT

**3. ALMEDA BOULTON MEMORIAL AWARD - \$500, \$300, \$200** (293 entries – Judge: Sandra Solt, Edmond, OK)

**1 Georgette Perry, Huntsville, AL -***City Trees*

**2 Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN -**  
*Bad Boy's Blue Shoe Shuffle*

**3 Margo LaGattuta, Rochester, MI -***The House of My Heart*

1HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX  
2HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR  
3HM Patricia O'Brien, Old Saybrook, CT  
4HM Nick Sweet, Tonkawa, OK  
5HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
6HM Sally Vogl, Fresno, CA  
7HM Janie Holman, Littleton, CO

**4. MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS AWARD \$160, \$50, \$40** (239 entries- Judge: Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR)

**1 Marie Buckley, Hillsboro, OR -***Nine Ways of Looking at Your Mother*

**2 Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT -***Room for Her*

**3 Carol Clark Williams, York, PA -***Whatever*

1HM- Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
2HM- Gail Waldstein, Denver, CO  
3HM- Jane Logan, Sparks, NV  
4HM-Roberta Marggraff, Waterbury, CT  
5HM- Joanne Faries, Bedford, TX  
6HM- Janice Hornburg, Johnson City, TN  
7HM- Katharine Ortiz, Chariton, IA

**5. GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD - \$150, \$75, \$25** (235 entries –Judge: Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL)

**1 Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR -***Beau Bonner's Wagon*

**2 Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX -***Tribute*

*to Louis Armstrong*

**3 Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL -**

*The Cypress Tree*

1HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
2HM Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth, TX  
3HM Lee Carroll, Fort Worth TX  
4HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
5HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
6HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR  
7HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD

**6. POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS AWARD - \$125, \$50, \$25**

(221 entries –Judge: John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN)

**1 Ginny Lowe Connors, West Hartford, CT**  
*Gas, 1940*

**2 Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO -***Grandma to Jesus*

**3 Tere Starr, Miami, FL -***Making Love by Fireflies*

1HM Russell M. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
2HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA  
3HM Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX  
4HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN  
5HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX  
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7HM Virginia Mortensen, Des Moines, IA

**7. BULL POWELL MAHAN AWARD - \$100, \$60, \$40** (190 entries –Judge: Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN)

**1 Alvin M. Laster, Southbury, CT -***Bringing Up Father*

**2 Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR -***The Shortest Day of the Year*

**3 Jill Jennings, Woodstock, GA -***Winding Down*

1HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX  
2HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY  
3HM Carol Mauriello, Olive Hill, KY  
4HM Ruth Schmidt-Bauml, Two Harbors, MN  
5HM Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT  
6HM James F. Ahearn, Rochester, NY  
7HM James McBride, Bettendorf, IA

**8. UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD - \$100, \$60, \$40** (142 entries – Judge: Steven Concert, Harveys Lake, PA)

**1 Marianne McNeil Logan, Amarill, TX -**  
*Our Cowboy Dad's Philosophy*

**2 Jo Barbara Taylor, Raleigh, NC -***Making the Pledge*

**3 Shirley Handley, Harlingen, TX -***A Culture Older Than Memory*

1HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN  
2HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK  
3HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX  
4HM Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa TX  
5HM Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX  
6HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
7HM Llewellyn S. Brawnner, Collierville, TN

**9. FLORIDA STATE POETS - \$100, \$60, \$40** (163 entries –Judge: Dr. Katherine Perry)

**1 Carol Clark Williams, York, PA -***The Final Lament of Orpheus*

**2 Maurine Haultiner, Salt Lake City, UT -**  
*Lament of Orpheus*

**3 Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA -***The Band Directors*

1HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
2HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
3HM Joseph Shaffer, Yuma, AZ

4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

5HM Carla Christopher, York PA

6HM Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT

7HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, OK

**10. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY - \$75, \$50, \$25** (257 entries – Judge: Valerie Bailey, San Antonio, TX)

**1 Jeanne S. Kelly, Madison, MS -**

*In Conclusion: The Final Grade*

**2 LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT -***The Gingerbread Witch*

**3 Debra Kuss, Korbin, KY -***Up in Smoke*

1HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK  
2HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas TX  
3HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX  
4HM Lee Carroll, Fort Worth, TX  
5HM Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT  
6HM Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR  
7HM Helen Groenveld, Marshaltown, IA

**11. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS AWARD - \$60, \$40, \$30** (290 entries – Judge: Jerri Brierfield, AL)

**1 Barbara Blanks, Garland TX -**  
*Transmutable*

**2 Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX -***Harlem*

**3 Elaine Costanzo, New Concord, OH -***What I Know About the Midwest*

1HM Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI  
2HM Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT  
3HM Merriane Rice, Kaysville, UT  
4HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
5HM Daniel D. Maguire, Baltimore, MD  
6HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN  
7HM Freeda Baker Nichols, Clinton, AR

**12. TWO LADIES FROM TEXAS AWARD - \$60, \$40, \$20** (131 entries – Judge: Linda Banks, Mesquite, NV)

**1 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT -***Season of Live and Learn*

**2 Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX**  
*- Cat & Journal*

**3 Geraldine R. Pratt – Murray, UT –***Shadow Show*

1HM Collen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL  
2HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX  
3HM Jeannine Rancourt, Southbury, CT  
4HM Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL  
5HM Francie Davis, Belvidere, SD  
6HM Mark L. Kraus, Palmetto Bay, FL  
7HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT

**13. INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS AWARD - \$50, \$35, \$25** (240 entries – Judge: Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT)

**1 Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI -***A Son is Born*

**2 Anne Pierre Spangler, Lebanon, PA -***Poor Relations*

**3 Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT -***Wind Shear*

1HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL  
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7HM Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT

**14. CONNECTICUT POETRY SOCIETY AWARD – \$50, \$35, 25** (242 entries - Judge: Lee Carroll, Fort Worth, TX)

**1 Patircia La Barbera, Marathon, FL - *There Is No Light***

**2 Ron Self, Columbus, GA - *Star Wars***

**3 Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA - *Sacred Music***

1HM Elaine W. Chistensen, Sandy, UT

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# 15. ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

**AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20** 225 entries – Judge:

Kathryn Clement, Mesa, AZ)

**1 Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX - *Applause***

**2 Daniel D. Maguire, Baltimore, MD - *How We Lose Our Dreams***

**3 Cristy Gylphe, Dove Creek, CO - *Burial Wire***

1 HM Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT

2 HM Budd Poweel Mahan, Dallas, TX

3HM Lisa L. Stedlarz, New Haven, CT

4HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

5HM Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI

6HM Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT

7HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR

# 16. WILLIAM STAFFORD MEMORIAL

**AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20** (230 entries – Judge:

Peter P.M.F. Johnson, St. Paul, MN)

**1 Pat King, Albia, IA - *Old Farmers***

**2 Eileen Benavente-Blas, Glenpool, OK - *Errands***

**3 Marta Rijn Finch, Bennington, VT - *Bacon Dance***

1HM Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT

2HM Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

3HM Anne Pierre Spangler, Lebanon, PA

4HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ

5HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT

6HM Terry Brix, Blue River, OR

7HM Brenda brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

# 17. NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20

(193 entries – Judge: Larry Day Hand, Woodstock, GA)

**1 Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA - *Honesty is Overrated***

**2 Martha P. Morrisse, Roy, UT - *I Just Can't Wait to be Eighty***

**3 Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN - *A Trip to Italy***

1HM Susan W. Peters, Lenexa, KS

2HM Marsha Kay Oldham, Garber, OK

3HM Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN

4HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK

5HM Joan terry, Dallas, TX

6HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

7HM Georganna Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN

# 18. NEW YORK POETRY FORUM AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20

(208 entries – Judge: Cathy Tenzo, Seattle, WA)

**1 Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR - *What Poetry Means***

**2 Maurine Haultiner, Salt Lake City, UT - *Advice for a Drowning Poet***

**3 Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK - *Winter***

1HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL

2HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

3HM Benita Volk, Denver CO

4HM Jo Barbara Taylor, Raleigh, NC

5HM Mary Anne Reese, Cincinnati, OH

6HM Carol Christy White, Cave Creek, AZ

7HM Susan W. Peters, Lenexa, KS

# 19. COLUMBINE POETS OF COLORADO

**AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20** (196 entries – Judge: Dr. Melissa K. Downes, Clarion, PA)

**1 Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT - *At Great Salt Lake***

**2 David Simms, Berryville, VA - *Drought***

**3 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT - *Poems from the Flood***

1HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

2HM Robert J. Frederickson, West Valley City, UT

3HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR

4HM Amy Dengler, Gloucester, MA

5HM Edith Baker, Bountiful, UT

6HM Gary Hanna, Sagsboro, DE

7HM Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT

# 20. MORTON D. PROUTY & ELISE S.

**PROUTY MEMORIALWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20**

(262 entries – Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS)

**1 Sara Gipson, North Little Rock, AR - *Perched Eagle***

**2 David Hedges, West Linn, OR - *River Tripping***

**3 Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR - *The Children's Blizzard, January 1888***

1HM Martha Dickens, Modoc, IN

2HM Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

3HM Marian Knesek, Denton, TX

4HM Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT

5HM Marilyn Larrabee, Bountiful, UT

6HM Clarence Pl. Socwell, Ogden, UT

7HM Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX

# 21. POETS ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

**AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20** (212 entries – Judge:

Tammy Uzzetta, Auburn, AL)

**1 Lee Carroll, Fort Worth, TX - *Arabian Etude***

**2 Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT - *Remember***

**3 Jill Jennings, Woodstock, GA - *I Have Hope***

1HM Benita Volk, Denver, CO

2HM Katherine Stevens, Hillman, MI

3HM Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

4HM Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT

5HM John calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

6HM Pat Jordan, Pearl, MS

7HM Carol Christy White, Cave Creek, AZ

# 22. CSPS JAMES E. MACWHINNEY

**MEMORIAL AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20** (75 entries

– Judge: Robert J. Fredrickson, West Valley City, UT)

**1 Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA - *Trust***

**2 Frances Brinkley Cowden Cordova, TN- *Icicles on the Windshield***

**3 W.F. Lantry, Silver Springs, MD**

1HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK

2HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

3HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH

4HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

5HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

6HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

7HM Mary E. Haliburton, Hope Hull, AR

# 23. OHIO AWARD - \$50, \$30, \$20

(242 entries – Judge: Dr. J.M. Zarnowicki, Auburn, AL)

**1 David Simms, Berryville, VA - *Four Things***

**2 artiste-te, Scottsdale, AZ - *Mark of Our Kiss***

**3 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT - *Woman Gives Birth to a Ghost***

1HM Juanita Mays, Milford, OH

2HM Colette Tennant, Milford, OH

3HM Elzy Cogswell, Austin, TX

4HM Carla Christopher, York, PA

5HM Gary Hanna, Dagsboro, DE

6HM Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM

7HM Viktor Tichy, Iowa City, IA

**24. HUMOROUS POETRY AWARD - \$35, \$25** (164 entries – Judge: David Hedges, West Linn, )

**1 Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL - *Aunt***

**2 Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM - *Pantomime in Porcelain***

**3 Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Merseyside, ENG - *Cursed***

1HM Martha P. Morrisse, Roy, UT

2HM Miriam Doege, Elkins, AR

3HM Carol Howell, Lexington, MA

4HM Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL

5HM Russell M. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

7HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

**25. OUR AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE - \$35, \$25, \$15** (143 entries – Judge: Polly Rochester Hill, MI)

**1 Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX - *Pishkin***

**2 Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX - *On Frederic Remington's "Ridden Down," 1905***

**3 Edith Baker, Bountiful, UT - *The Original***

1HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

2HM Eric H. Read, Brigham City, UT

3HM Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT

4HM Beverly Monestier, San Antonio, TX

5HM Christiana Jacobsen, Wallingford, PA

6HM Ron Wallace, Durrant, OK

7HM Julia Paul, Manchester, CT

**26. MISSOURI STATE POETRY AWARD \$35, \$25, \$15** (235 entries – Judge: J. Paul, Double Oak, TX)

**1 N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT - *The Three Day Blow***

**2 Art Elser, Denver, CO - *Metamorphosis***

**3 Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN- *Insomniac's Conversation***

1HM Darleen Butler, Fort Wayne, IN

2HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

3HM Cat Donnelly, Elkins, AR

4HM Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX

5HM Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Merryside, ENG

6HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX

7HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

# 27. JOSPEH V. HICKEY MEMORIAL

**AWARD - \$20, \$15** (138 entries – Judge: Nancy Baass, Victoria, TX)

**1 Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL - *Song of the Gate***

**2 Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN - *The Ant Bridge***

**3 Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN - *To Cross or Burn***

1HM Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT

2HM Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT

3HM Doann Houghton, Alico, Fairplay, CO

4HM Claire van Breeman Downes, St. Cloud, MN

5HM Margaret Anderegg, Austin, TX

6HM Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

7HM Laura Loughridge, Maumelle, AR

# 28. LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

**AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (96 entries – Judge:

Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI)

**1 Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX - *Wynton Marsalis at the New Orleans Jazz Festival***

**2 Marsha Kay Oldham, Garber, OK - *Rattled***

*Rigamarole***3 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT - Checkmate Hammocks**

1HM Arnold Perrin, Union ME  
 2HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
 3HM Ruth F. Harrison, Waldport, OR  
 4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission KS  
 5HM Amy Dengler, Glouster, MA  
 6HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN  
 7HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

**29. BARBARA STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (257 entries – Judge: Verna Lee Hinegardner, Conway, AR)**1 Alice King Greenwood, Odessa, TX - How to Read a Poem****2 Helen Groeneveld, Marshalltown, IA - Honor Student****3 Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK - Memories**

1HM Alice King Greenwood, Odessa, TX  
 2HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
 3HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 4HM Jenine Mah, Memphis, TN  
 5HM Ann Doro, Sugarland Key, FL  
 6HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
 7HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

**30. JESSE STUART MEMORIAL AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (220 entries – Judge: Ron Self, Columbus, GA)**1 Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT - Waiting****2 Susan Steven Chambers, Good Thunder, MN - I Practice Family Law****3 Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR - Finding a way back**

1HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 2HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
 3HM David Simms, Berryville, VA  
 4HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN  
 5HM Georgette Perry, Huntsville, AL  
 6HM Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT  
 7HM Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

**31. DORMAN JOHN GRACE MEMORIAL AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (155 entries – Judge: Steven Shields, Johns Creek, GA)**1 Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX - The Adventures of Squirmy****2 Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN - Remembering the Incubator Babies of Coney Island****3 Eric H. Read, Brigham City, UT - Night in Oahu**

1HM Eugene Shea, Hanna, WY  
 2HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
 3HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK  
 4HM Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX  
 5HM Von S. Borland, Happy, TX  
 6HM Martha P. Morrisse, Dallas, TX  
 7HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

**32. POETRY SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA- 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (182 entries- Judge: Meredith Cook, Blue Earth, MN)**1 Patricia Grimm, Clearfield, UT- Boarding a Dragon****2 Clarence P. Sowell, Ogden, UT- Scuba Diving Below****3 Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT- After Forty Years**

1HM Ruth Harrison, Waldport, OR  
 2HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH  
 3HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN  
 4HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 5HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 6HM Sarah Hull Gurley, Germantown, TN  
 7HM Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX

**33. MINUTE AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (116 entries – Judge: Faye Williams Jones, North Little Rock, AR)**1 Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD - The Auction****2 Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN - February Gift in Autumn****3 Jeani M. Picklesimer, Ashland, KY - Parasol Ballet**

1HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
 2HM Sara Gipson, North Little Rock, AR  
 3HM Von S. Borland, Happy, TX  
 4HM Shelly Reed Thieman, West Des Moines, IA  
 5HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL  
 6HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
 7HM Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Merseyside, ENG

**34. SAVE OUR EARTH AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (134 entries – Judge: Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT)**1 Ann Doro, Sugarloaf Key, FL - Habitat or Housing?****2 Pat King, Albion, IA - Oil Drum****3 Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX - Wildcrafter**

1HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 2HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL  
 3HM Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT  
 4HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL  
 5HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 6HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
 7HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN

**35. BEN LOMOND POETS AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (136 entries – Judge: Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth, TX)**1 Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT - Alps of Adversity****2 Marilyn Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT - Impressionist Painting****3 Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR - Mountains of Tibet**

1HM Karen Keith Gibson, Provo, UT  
 2HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
 3HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 4HM Edith Baker, Bountiful, UT  
 5HM Helene Stallcup, Conway, AR  
 6HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
 7HM Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX

**36. MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (226 entries – Judge: N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT)**1 Beth Staas, Westmont, IL - Sidewalk Sale****2 Pat Jordan, Pearl, MS - Queen of Spades****3 Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN - Living Patterns**

1HM Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT  
 2HM Patricia O'Brien, Old Saybrook, CT  
 3HM Cristy Gylfpe, Dove Creek, CO  
 4HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX  
 5HM Amy Dnegler, Glouster, MA  
 6HM Marion Brimm Rewey, Verona, WI  
 7HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR

**37. POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE - \$25, \$20, \$15** (73 entries – Judge: Elaine Ipson, Stansbury Park, UT)**1 Ruth Harrison, Waldport, OR - Dear of Marketing****2 Jim Barton, Huttig, AR - The Night of the Leonids****3 Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL - The Still Hunger**

1HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR

2HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
 3HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK  
 4HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 5HM Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT  
 6HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
 7HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

**38. POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN \$25, \$20, \$15** (193 entries- Judge: De Anna Spurlock, Carlisle, PA)**1 Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT - First Dive****2 Maxine S. Nicholson, Dunnellon, FL - Two Boxes on a Lonely Road****3 Lee Carroll, Fort Worth, TX - The Abstract**

1HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
 2HM Gary Hanna, Dogsboro, DE  
 3HM John McBridge, Bettendorf, IA  
 4HM Francie Davis, Belvidere, SD  
 5HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN  
 6HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 7HM Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT

**39. LIGHTEN YOUR LIFE AWARD - \$25** (240 entries – Judge: Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL)**1 Joyce Shivere, Crystal River, FL - The Spratts****2 Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT - Frog Prince****3 D. Beecher Smith, 11, Memphis, TN- Not So Friendly Persuasion**

1HM Elzy Cogswell, Austin, TX  
 2HM Garry H. Mishler, De Witt, IA  
 3HM Geraldine R. Pratt, Murray, UT  
 4HM Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX  
 5HM Dory Maguire, Houston, TX  
 6HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT  
 7HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR

**40. IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (172 - entries Judge: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN)**1 Sharon Price Anderson, Orem, UT - Come, Clappity Run****2 Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN - Nothing to Do?****3 Esther M. Leiper, Jefferson, NH - Warming the Winter**

1HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
 2HM Maxine B. Kohanski, Spring, TX  
 3HM Lee Ann Russell, Springfield, MO  
 4HM Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN  
 5HM Shirley Handley, Harlingen, TX  
 6HM Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Merseyside  
 7HM Valerie Esker, Beverly Hills, FL

**41. NEW JERSEY POETRY SOCIETY- \$25, \$20, \$15** (200 entries- Judge: Juanita Torrence Thompson, Flushing, NY)**1 Elzy Cogswell, Austin, TX - Thinking About Pyramids****2 Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD- Drought Defiance in Blue, While on the Road in Mali****3 Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX - Above and Below**

1HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
 2HM D. Beecher Smith, 11, Memphis, TN  
 3HM Francis Kerr Young, Ontario, CAN  
 4HM Jeanne Couvillon-Powell, Houston, TX  
 5HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon, City, OR  
 6HM Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Victoria, TX  
 7HM Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

**42. WYOPOETS AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (169 entries – Judge: Mary Michelson, Bellingham, WA)



**1 Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, CAN-***Another Question of Priorities***2 Mary Anne Reese, Cincinnati, OH -***Interlude***3 Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA- Fangs at My Fingertips**

- 1HM Robert Burgess, Oklahoma City, OK  
 2HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 4HM Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM  
 5HM Patricia O'Brien, Old Saybrook, CT  
 6HM Vicki Bennett, Urbana, MO  
 7HM Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT

**43. NEBRASKA STATE POETRY SOCIETY****AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (182 entries- Judge: Colette Tennant, Salem, OR)**1 Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX - Seasoning****2 Margo LaGattuta, Rochester, MI - Gift for My Ex Husband****3 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT- You Are Here**

- 1HM Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT  
 2HM Anita Jepson Gilbert, Westminster, CO  
 3HM Kathy Helmer, Jacksonville, AR  
 4HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 5HM Patricia La Barbera, Marathon, FL  
 6HM Robert J. Frederickson, West Valley City, UT  
 7HM Sharon Price Anderson, Orem, UT

**44. MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY AWARD-****\$25, \$20, \$15** (69 entries- Judges: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA)**1 Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL - To Sell the Poet****2 Lee Carroll, Fort Worth, TX- Tom's House on River Road****3 Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT- Seasons in the Woods**

- 1HM Martha P. Morrissey, Roy, UT  
 2HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 3HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 4HM Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Merseyside, ENG  
 5HM Heather Holland Duncan, Provo, UT  
 6HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 7HM Rose Ann Spait, Columbus, OH

**45. ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY****AWARD - \$25, \$20, \$15** (181 entries- Judge: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN)**1 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT - Sometimes the Kitchen Muse Weeps****2 Pat Jordan, Pearl, MS- Graceland****3 Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT- Anatomy of Moon and Dreams**

- 1HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA  
 2HM D. Beecher Smith, 11, Memphis, TN  
 3HM Donna Puciani, Wheaton, IL  
 4HM Viktor Tichy, Iowa City, IA  
 5HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX  
 6HM Doann Houghton-Alico, Fairplay, CO  
 7HM Pat King, Alba, IA

**46. GINGER BREAD POETS AWARD-\$25, \$20,****\$15** (128 entries- Judge: T. Kevin Clark, Holladay, UT)**1 Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX- In a Unison of Voices****2 Sue Ranglack, Murray, UT- Miss Annie Oakley Takes Aim****3 Wilda Gallagher, Rockaway Park, NY- An Invitation**

- 1HM Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth, TX  
 2HM Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX  
 3HM Joyce Shriver, Crystal River, FL  
 4HM Larry Hnad, Woodstock, GA

- 5HMHelen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT  
 6HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
 7HM Maxine S. Nicholson, Dunnellson, FL

**47. SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION****AWARD- \$25, \$20, \$15** (179 entries- Judge: Brian T. Woodham, Auburn, AL)**1 Ron Self, Columbus, GA- Make Itself at Home, Make Itself at Home****2 Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT - Ball Turret Gunner****3 Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN - August Heat**

- 1HM Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA  
 2HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
 3HM Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN  
 4HM Edith Baker, Bountiful, UT  
 5HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT  
 6HM Carol Christy White, Cove Creek, AZ  
 7HM Emery L. Campbell, Lawrence, GA

**48. MAINE POETS SOCIETY AWARD- \$25,****\$20, \$15** (175 entries- Judge: Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL)**1 Julie Nelson, Orem, UT- July 4<sup>th</sup> in Newport****2 Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO- Builder of Beach Castles****3 Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT- Tell Me About the Ocean**

- 1HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX  
 2HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 3HM Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD  
 4HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
 5HM Julia M. Paul, Manchester, CT  
 6HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 7HM Emery L. Campbell, Lawrenceville, GA

**49. COMING TO AMERICA AWARD- \$25,****\$20, \$15** (92 entries- Judge: John S. Summerfield, Jr., Columbus, GA)**1 David L. Byrn, Prescott, AZ- Farewell to Wicklow****2 Beth Staas, Westmont, IL- The American****3 Shirley Handley, Harlingen, TX- The New Pioneers**

- 1HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL  
 2HM Janice Hornburg, Johnson City, TN  
 3HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 4HM Anthony F. Gulotta, Phoenixville, PA  
 5HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 6HM Tom Spencer, Lowell, IN  
 7HM Alice E. Gross, Southbury, CT

**50. STUDENT AWARD- \$50, \$30, \$20, \$5- to****Each of 7 Honorable Mentions** (329 entries-Judge: Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT)**1 Krista Ochike, Plano, TX- Tortilla Moon****2 Taylor Hendirx, Lubbock, TX- My Turn Looking Through Life's Kaleidoscope****3 Franchesca Alamo, Houston, TX- Winter**

- 1HM Megan Tucker, Stephenville, TX  
 2HM Will Hollerman, Cleburne, TX  
 3HM Ryan Marie Kliebhan, Carol Stream, IL  
 4HM Kaitlyn Hunter, Plano, TX  
 5HM Alysia Chen, Frisco, TX  
 6HM Alok Vaid-Menon, College Station, TX  
 7HM Dayla Wittie, Stephenville, TX

**NEWS from NFSPS Member State Societies**

**GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY** held its quarterly meeting on April 24 at Dahlonega's North Georgia University. B.J. Robinson was the main speaker. Her poetry reflects insights into her interesting family, particularly her

father. Member Lou Jones read his poetry from his chapbook, making sure to acknowledge poet, Mildred Greer, for her assistance in his endeavor. Several children and teens read their award winning poetry for the group. - *Francie Smith-Rountree, Reporter*

**OREGON STATE POETRY**

**ASSOCIATION** has been very busy this spring, and continues to keep up the frantic pace. Our Spring Conference in April, featured workshops by OSPA members Quinton Hallet, Laura LeHew, Toni Van Heusen and Sandy Jensen, and a workshop on the odd ode by award-winning poet, Matthew Dickman. The conference was capped by a reading by MacArthur "Genius" Grant winner, poet Heather McHugh. In May Carol Brockfield ended her term as Student Contest Chair with the Student Contest Awards. In June, six OSPA members met as a Vision Committee under the guidance of Kate Scrivener, to discuss the future of OSPA will be putting their ideas into action soon and adding more ideas with our August retreat. Plans are underway for our newsletter, volunteer positions, chapters membership and many other areas. We are excited to be moving forward and implementing changes that will increase membership and further our mission.

-*Mary Christine Delea-President***LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY**

Poets from across the state gathered at Messin's Catering & Reception Hall in Kenner, LA to celebrate Poetry Month at the Spring Festival on Saturday, 17 April, 2010. The Festival's theme was a celebration of the 60 years that LSPS has been in existence, although not officially incorporated. The main speaker, Dr. David Cook, Chairman of the English Department of Tulane University, spoke on the impact of poetry on our culture. Poets enjoyed good company, a poetry read-around, and lunch; after which winners of the Spring Festival Contest were announced by Emma Pierson, Contest Coordinator. Jessica Gonsoulin, now a Texas resident, and three-time past president of LSPS, visited to share in the 60 years poetry presentation by members present. Founder poets Pat Juelg, Liz Ferguson, Suellen Lamb, and Sarah Johnson, attended and participated in poetry reading at the Baton Rouge Art Gallery on 17 March 2010. Lyric Louisiana will be available in June from Lyric Louisiana editor, Mary Galvin - *Genevieve Didier DeWin*

**MAINE POETS SOCIETY** meets three times per year. In May, they gathered at The Fireside Inn in Waterville to hear member, Douglas Woodsum, read from his new book, "The Lawns of Lobstermen," and critique contest entries on the subject of "simplicity." After lunch, guest Wesly McNair, gave a short talk on the pantoum form, judged the contest poems, and read from his latest book, "Lover's

of the Lost.” Next meeting will be held on 18 September 2010 at the Rockland Public Library. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Non-members are welcome and may stay to participate in a reading-in-the-round at about 3:00 p.m. for more information, contact: Co-president, Maggie Finch at: [maggimer@gmail.com](mailto:maggimer@gmail.com). For membership information, contact: Cynthia Brackett-Vincent, MPS Membership, Chairperson. Visit the MPS info page on her website: <http://www.encirclepub.com/poetry/mps> or email Brackett at [Vincent@encirclepub.com](mailto:Vincent@encirclepub.com) or call 207-778-0467. – *Sally Joy, Publicity Chairperson*

### CONVENTION POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Judge: Ann Marie Wranovix, Memphis, TX

- 1 Beryle L. Williams, Estes Park, CO
- 2 David Simms, Berryville, VA
- 3 Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX

#### *Unranked Honorable Mentions in Alphabetical Order:*

Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN  
Glenna Holloway, Naperville, IL  
Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO  
Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN  
Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
Beryle L. Williams, Estes Park, CO

### INVOCATION POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

#### *Unranked, Alphabetical Order*

Judge: Sara Gipson, North Little Rock, AR  
Linda Knowlton Appel, West Linn, OR  
Peggy Silha Ritzer, Sherman, TX  
Ruth Schmidt-Baeumier, Two Harbors, MN  
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario  
Dian Stefan, Mountain Home, AR

#### *Honorable Mentions*

Peggy Silha Ritzer, Sherman, TX  
Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH  
Diane Stefan, Mountain Home, AR

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

and the Woodcrafters chapter co-presented a program on 6 March 2010 at the Peabody Public Library. Member, Larry Keegan, informed the group that he plans to offer a program through his local community TV channel which will include interviews with local poets. Woodcrafters chair, Beverly Barnes, announced upcoming events, which coincidentally link poetry and art:

1. “Poetry on Canvas” – co-sponsored by MSPS and PAA (Peabody Art Assn.)
2. “Poetry Night” – hosted by Middleton Art Assn. when local poets will be invited to read their works. President Jeanette Maes announced the winners of the “Of Thee I Sing” Contest. She then led the morning workshop, “Good Things in Life.” After lunch, a member

led a workshop on “Poetry and the Visual Arts.” The spring program was held 1 May 2010 at the Rading Public Library. MSPS officers were elected to serve 2010-2012. Winners of the Gertrude Dole Contest were announced. Information was given about the art exhibit “Poetry on Canvas” in which some MSPS members’ poems inspired paintings by local artists. Both poems and paintings will be exhibited the month of May at a Peabody Art Gallery. President Jeanette Maes led a workshop, “Fueling the Process of Creation with Numbers.” President Maes also presented “e.e. cummings, Creator of Delirious Excitement.” – *Roberta Hung, Reporter*

### POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Student Awards Festival was held on 1 May 2010 at the Dallas Public Library with Poetry in the Schools Chairman Budd Powell Mahan officiating. PST President, Jeanette L. Strother handed out certificates to those students present who read their winning poems. Upon arrival, students with their families and friends were greeted, registered, and given the anthology containing all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning poems and the names of those who won other placings, along with the names of their teachers and schools. Assisting with those duties were Vice-president Catherine L’Herrsson, PST Director David Knappe and L.D. Carter.

–*Nance Baass-NFSPS Immediate Past*

### POETS ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

annual spring workshop and luncheon honoring Miss Lily Peter was held Saturday, 1 May 2010 at Parkview United Methodist Church in Benton, Arkansas. The luncheon was hosted by Saline County Poets and Delta Poets. The head table was decorated with lilies in honor of Miss Lily Peter. Tables were decorated with tea pots, greenery, Celestial Tea packages by Faye B. Wise and Co. Jim Barton was the speaker.

The 2010 National Convention in Memphis was tri-hosted by the Mississippi Poetry Society, the Poetry Society of Tennessee, and the Poets’ Roundtable of Arkansas. By all accounts it was a rousing success. Between 125 and 140 registered attendees enjoyed four days of activities, speakers, performers, and information sessions, and made many valuable contacts. Arkansas Day was Friday 11 June 2010. Our first speaker was Harding Stedler, who brought the house down with his dramatic reading of Poe’s “The Raven.” Cathy Moran kept us all enthralled with her presentation of “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Poetry.” John Crawford hypnotized the audience with his musical renditions in “The Music of Poetry.” Peggy Vining, Arkansas’ Poet Laureate, led us down a nostalgic journey through the “Natural State of Poetry,” closing with her Arkansas poem, Mississippi Day, featured two of our members. Betty Heidelberg taught us how “Poems are

### 2010 STEVENS POETRY MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- manuscript by a single author
- 48-70 pages of poetry, counting any section title pages, but not country front matter typewritten or computer printed, NO illustrations
- no author ID anywhere in manuscript
- pages numbered, one poem, one column per page
- may include previously published poems (acknowledgments on separate sheet)
- simultaneous and multiple submissions permitted
- enclosed in a plain file folder and/or held by a manuscript clip, No staples or binding
- Include two title pages, one with no author ID, the other with name, address, phone number, email address, and, if applicable, state poetry society membership. Include a table of contents.

Manuscripts will NOT be returned. Entrants who enclose a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, or provide an email address, will be notified of the results in January 2010. Do NOT send by certified or registered mail. Do NOT send disks.

Notify us immediately if your manuscript is accepted elsewhere. All manuscripts will be reviewed for compliance with guidelines and overall quality by the competition chair. Approximately 100 will be sent, without identification or acknowledgments, to an independent judge, who will remain anonymous until the results are announced.

The winning manuscript will be published by the NFSPS Press, and the book will be available for sale at NFSPS annual convention in June 2011. The author will also be awarded \$1,000 plus 50 copies of the book.

#### ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Jeremy M. Downes, Chair  
NFSPS Stevens Poetry Manuscript Competition,  
832 Tacoma Dr.  
Auburn, AL 36830

#### SUBMISSION PERIOD: August 1-October 15, 2010 (postmark deadline)

ENTRY FEE: \$20 for NFSPS members, \$25 for nonmembers (Members of state poetry societies affiliated with NFSPS are members.)

#### 2009 Stevens Manuscript Competition

##### Winner:

Sara Ries, Buffalo, NY, *Come in We’re Open.*

Her book is available for purchase, as well as the Stevens books published in the past sixteen years. All books are listed on the NFSPS website, [www.nfsps.com](http://www.nfsps.com)

Important,” focusing on the relevance particular to personal poems. Jim presented a short guide to poetry readings with “From the Page to the Stage, How to Give a Good Reading of Your Poetry.” Congratulations to all the contest and door prize winners. We are proud of Arkansas’ 20 contest winners. Some were first-time entrants. All of us are most appreciative of Tennessee’s southern hospitality. The speakers were inspiring, the participants were friendly, and the food was delicious. Our hats are off to all who took a part in organizing and carrying out an enjoyable convention.

– Kathy Helmer – Secretary

## CONTESTS

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY ANNUAL POET’S CHOICE CONTEST

– Deadline: November 1. Subject and Form: Poet’s Choice. 40 Line Limit. Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$15. Poems may not have been previously published or won any prize. Poets may enter as many poems as they wish, but only one prize may be won by any poet. Entry Fee is \$3.00 per poem, checks payable to MSPS. Send two copies of each poem, one with name and address, one with no ID, SASE (#10 envelope) for Winners’ List. Send entries to Gertrude Callis, Contest Chair, 10 Pleasant Street, Apt. 106, Lynn, MA 01902. Mark name of contest envelope.

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY ARTHUR (SKIP) POTTER MEMORIAL CONTEST: Deadline:

December 15. Subject and Form: Poet’s Choice. 40 Line Limit. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20. Poems must be written by entrant and may have been previously published. Entry Fee: \$3.00 per poem. Check payable to MSPS. Poets may enter as many poems as they wish, but only one prize may be won by any poet. SASE (#10 envelope) for Winner’s List. Send two copies of each poem. One with name and address, one with no ID. Send entries to Gertrude Callis, Contest Chair, 10 Pleasant Street, Apt. 106, Lynn, MA 01902. Mark name of contest on envelope.

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY ‘OF THEE I SING’ CONTEST

Deadline: January 15 Subject: Someone—Someplace—Something (human, vegetable, animal, mineral, flora, etc.) Form: Poet’s Choice. 40 Line Limit. Prizes, \$50, \$25, \$10. Poems must not have been published or won any prize. Entry Fee: \$3.00 per poem, checks payable to MSPS. Poets may enter as many poems as they wish, but only one prize may be won by any poet. Send two copies of each poem, one with name and address, one with no ID. SASE (#10 envelope) for Winners’ List. Send entries to: Gertrude Callis, Contest Chair, 10 Pleasant Street, Apt. 106, Lynn, MA 01902. Mark name of contest on envelope.

### OREGON STATE POETRY

#### ASSOCIATION FALL 2010 CONTEST

Deadline: 31 August 2010 (Postmark) Six categories: Poet’s choice, prizes of \$100, \$50, \$30, and \$20 plus HM’s; Free Verse, prizes of \$50, \$30, \$20, plus HM’s; Traditional Verse/Dueling Judges – 2 judges- 2 sets of prizes \$50, \$30, \$20 plus HM’s; New Poets, prizes of \$50, \$30, \$20, plus HM’s; Members Only, prizes of \$50, \$30, \$20 plus HM’s; Theme: Feed the Beast—Poems about Monsters, prizes of \$50, \$30, \$20, plus HM’s. Prize Cash winners published in *Verseweavers* annual anthology. Fees: OSPA members, \$5.00 flat rate for contest non-members, \$4.00 per poem. Poems must be original, unpublished, not prior cash winners. No more than one poem per category, with no duplication. Mail entries to Karen Clausel, OSPA Contest Chair, 655 Goodpasture Island Rd., #167, Eugene, OR 97401. For complete guidelines and membership information, see OSPA Website: [www.oregonpoets.org](http://www.oregonpoets.org).

### WYOPOETS ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Prizes increased! More winners! Any subject, any form. Limit 40 lines. Published is O.K. Not won a prize larger than \$50.00. 2 copies of each poem, one with ID and address one w/o an entry fee of \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for each poem entered. Examples: 1 poem-\$3.00, 5 poems-\$7.00, etc. No limit on number of poems entered. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$100, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$50, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$30, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$20. Five or more ranked HM’s. include SASE for Winner’s List. Deadline: 30 November 2010. Mail to Eugene Shea, Contest Chairman, P.O. Box 490, Hanna, WY 82327.

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE continued

We have many wonderful programs and wish to continue them indefinitely, but there are always more things that our members and member societies would like to see NFSPS do. Please let me know your ideas concerning those ideas. If you wish to discuss them in more detail than email correspondence allows, leave a phone number and I will call you. I want to know what our societies want and need.

My special thanks again to all the members of the Poetry Society of Tennessee for nurturing me and helping me to grow as a poet: to Betty Grugin, who encouraged me to attend my first NFSPS convention a decade ago; to Clarence P. Socwell, and Madelyn Eastlund for believing in me and my ability to do this job; and for Nancy Baass, for teaching me and making me so much a part of her administration. My thanks to all of you. I intend to work hard on your behalf. Poets are special people!

–Russell H. Strauss – 29<sup>th</sup> President of the NFSPS

### Editor’s Note

Please forgive the delay in this first Strophes of my tenure as editor. I hadn’t planned on having to get a new computer set-up, breaking my right hand, nor ending up in the hospital. It is said that bad things come in threes and since my three came all at once, hopefully, I am finished with that nonsense and the rest of my time will proceed as smoothly as possible. Somebody knock on wood—quickly. I should like to profusely thank Nancy Baass for ALL of her help in getting out this first issue. I am sure that without her help and constant encouragement, it would never have been possible. Also, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the years she spent as editor, while at the same time being the president of NFSPS. I am finding being editor a big enough job on its own. I can scarcely imagine how she accomplished both at the same time. I should also like to mention that I have so enjoyed the format that Nancy used in Strophes while editor, that I have no intention of changing that format. My mother always said: “If it’s not broken, don’t fix it.”

Therefore, that is the motto I will be using where the format for Strophes is concerned. Thanks Nancy.

Also, thanks to Russell H. Strauss, current NFSPS President, for having enough faith in me to appoint me as editor, and for his constant encouragement of my efforts. My hope is that I shall prove to be worthy of this trust.

Sincerely,

Bethany Ng - new Strophes Editor