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31st NFSPS  
President

Dear NFSPS Poets:

I am writing this column in the wake of the 2015 NFSPS Convention, hosted by the Florida State Poets Association in St. Petersburg. I've barely recovered from jetlag, and my head is swirling with memories of poems and conversations. I'm eager to see what I can do with the workshop draft poems in my new tangerine-covered notebook and to dip into the collections of Florida poetry that I brought home with me to become better acquainted with poets I met in St. Petersburg and with traditions I learned about in convention presentations. I'm also eager to browse more in the handsome new issue of *Encore*—to experience afresh in its pages the winning poems that I heard performed a year ago at the 2014 convention in Salt Lake City.

But before I immerse myself in the “treasure” I gathered in “poetry’s place in the sun,” I want to share with you some of what the NFSPS board is undertaking in your behalf.

The primary purpose of everything we board members do is to increase the value of NFSPS affiliation for state societies and to help strengthen those societies. To that end, we try to make information and resources available to all state society members. We also seek to create opportunities for officers of affiliated societies to share ideas and to discuss approaches to common problems.

This newsletter has long been the Federation’s principal means of informing its members all across the country, and, especially in its online version (free of the space constraints that limit the content of the print version), it has increasingly supplemented its core of information about events and contests with members’ advice on poetic practice. The NFSPS website has been, and continues to be, the place to find complete guidelines for all the Federation’s single-poem contests and manuscript competitions, as well as listings of all its publications, with ordering information. Over the past year or so, these have been supplemented by an NFSPS Facebook page, providing immediate news with plenty of pictures.

Starting this summer, we will have a new site where state society members can find materials that have not been readily accessible until now. NFSPS Webmaster Billy Pennington is setting up a secure, password-protected area, which can serve as a repository of documents such as the Federation’s bylaws and its officers’ annual reports, and of resources such as listings of speakers, workshop leaders, and judges. It may also include a chatroom where state presidents can discuss their concerns and share ideas.

One of our goals for this site is to extend throughout the year the sort of mutually supportive exchange that occurred during the state presidents’ meeting at the convention in St. Petersburg. The discussion there focused on two main areas of concern that had been articulately raised in an email sent me by Dawnell Griffin, President of the Utah State Poetry Society, who was unable to attend the convention: (1) the aging of society membership and the concomitant need for “encouraging younger people to join . . . and to accept responsible positions”; (2) the perennial need to raise money to finance programs.

With regard to financing, Judy Davies, President of the Mississippi Poetry Society and an experienced grant writer, gave advice on obtaining grants. The convention program booklet, with handsome display ads from sponsors, provided an example of sponsorships as another way in which state societies can get funding without hiking fees.

Ways of engaging younger generations in our societies is the focus the NFSPS Youth Activities Committee, chaired by Steven Concert. This year’s Youth Awards to state societies named the specific activities for which they were being recognized. Many of these involved ways of publicizing student contests and recognizing the winners and their teachers. Some were for programs outside the accustomed range. Among these were a Poetry to Go program, conducted by the Columbine Poets of Colorado, that put student poems on buses in every metro area, and Farm Fest participation by the New River Poets chapter of FSPA, teaching lessons with poetry in an historic schoolhouse. Also recognized with awards given by the Youth Chair were fourteen individuals who had gone “above and beyond” the expected to support young poets. [continued on page 8]

### POETRY’S PLACE IN THE SUN NFSPS 2015 CONVENTION SUMMARY

From June 24th to 28th, more than 130 poets from all over the United States gathered to “Discover the Treasure of Poetry’s Place in the Sun” at the 2015 annual convention of NFSPS held in the Hilton Bayfront Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Newly-appointed Florida State Poet Laureate Peter Meinke, along with Joe Cavanaugh, President the Florida State Poets Association, and NFSPS President Eleanor Berry welcomed us as we began an exciting journey into Florida’s poetry, geographically, historically, culturally, and imaginatively. We were treated to readings, workshops and presentations that spotlighted over 20 poets from young to older and to many poetic forms, some familiar as a sonnet and some that stretched the edges of our comfortable Thesaurus.

Thank you to NFSPS Treasurer Lucille Morgan Wilson who engineered the NFSPS Contests winners and awards during meal times. FSPA Youth Poetry Chair Janet Watson presented pirate beads to all winners and honorable mention recipients as a memento of their Florida treasure. We were treated to a nautical program and invasion from Blackbeard’s Pirate Krewe on Friday evening accompanied on the concertina by Jan Shumliak and partner playing hornpipes, gigs, and reels, and handing out more beads to all the poets attending the lively reception.

Open Poetry Readings stretched far into the night as we shared our best poems with each other and made friends with poets who seek to energize the craft and learn best practices from one another. Surrealist Poetry, Erasure Poetry, Cow-Hunting Poetry, Ethnicity in Poetry, The Power of Partnership, and Performance Poetry were presentations enthusiastically received. We had an opportunity to hear from practicing Florida poets who explained how they respond to their muse. The Florida State Slam Team was chosen and will attend the national competition in California in 2016.

The Convention Bookstore, directed by FSPA Secretary Mary-Ann Westbrook, did a landslide business. We thank Pineapple Press (Sarasota, FL) for their complimentary copies of *Florida in Poetry: A History of the Imagination*, ed. Jones & O’Sullivan, which was given out to all attendees. FSPA volunteers and NFSPS volunteers all worked together to make the 2015 convention truly a Treasure to Remember. In *The Shape of Poetry*, Peter Meinke writes, “I think those in the profession—the calling—of writing poetry should be knowledgeable and skilled as any carpenter, passionate and dignified as any priest. I believe those who are able to spend large stretches of their lives engaged in this activity are the luckiest people in the world.” And, indeed, we are. ~ Judith Krum, FSPA Treasurer and Registrar for the 2015 NFSPS Convention.

### 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. PAUL MINNESOTA MAGIC—A CAPITOL CONVENTION!

The League of Minnesota Poets will host the June 9-12, 2016 NFSPS convention in St. Paul. Located in an iconic, century-old building in the heart of downtown Saint Paul’s business district, Hotel 340 is the region’s premier boutique hotel.

Keynote speaker will be Natalie Goldberg, author of *Writing Down The Bones: Freeing The Writer Within* (1986), which broke open the world of creativity and started a revolution in the way we practice writing. The book has sold over one million copies and been translated into fourteen languages. Since then Ms. Goldberg has written thirteen other books, including the novel *Banana Rose*.

We have special room rates: \$139 a night for suites, \$119 a night for standard rooms, and \$89 a night for efficiency rooms. Room rates include a continental breakfast. Guests must make their reservations by April 24, 2016. Call 1-651-280-4120 to make reservations and refer to the League of Minnesota Poets for these rates.

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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES**  
**2015 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS**

**1. NFSPS FOUNDERS AWARD [to honor Mary B. Wall]** \$1500 \$500 \$250 (352 entries)

Judge: Hilda Raz, Placitas, NM

**1<sup>st</sup> Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “The Whole Pie”

**2<sup>nd</sup> David Bond, Carbondale, IL**  
 “Twenty-four Lines Originally for Brigit”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS**  
 “Wolf Lays Down”

1HM Doris DiSavino, Lancaster, PA  
 2HM Judy Johns, Pleasant View, UT  
 3HM Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH  
 4HM Davi Walders, Chevy Chase, MD  
 5HM Milton J. Bates, Marquette, MI  
 6HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX  
 7HM **No 7<sup>th</sup> HM due to disqualification**

**2. WINNERS CIRCLE AWARD**

\$500 \$300 \$200 (225 entries)

Judge: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN (alt. judge)

**1<sup>st</sup> Dave Harvey, Talent, OR**  
 “A Mensch at Table”

**2<sup>nd</sup> David Wayne Handley, Rockville, IN**  
 “Quoth the Shopper, Nevermore”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Markay Brown, St. George, UT**  
 “Taking Waters”

1HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
 2HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 3HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
 4HM Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT  
 5HM Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO  
 6HM Lynne Elise Benson, Taylorsville, UT  
 7HM Michael Bourgo, Boalsburg, PA

**3. PEACE AWARD**

\$500 \$300 \$200 (124 entries)

Judge: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

**1<sup>st</sup> Elzy Cogswell, Austin, TX**  
 “Where We Swim in the Real World”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR**  
 “Tour Guide’s Translation”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL**  
 “Skilti Kas Ras”

1HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 2HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN  
 3HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 4HM Karen Hayes, North Little Rock, AR  
 5HM Rebecca A. Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
 6HM June Gerron, Santa Rosa, CA  
 7HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

**4. THE M&S POETRY WRITING CONTEST**

\$300 \$125 \$75 (227 entries)

Judge: Eric Read, Brigham City, UT

**1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX**  
 “The Eloquent Shepherd”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Franco, Huntington Woods, MI**  
 “In the Warmth of the Sun”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX**  
 “Elizabeth Eckford”

1HM Kim Gearlds, Troy, MI  
 2HM Iman Fears, New York, NY  
 3HM Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, TX  
 4HM Michael Escoubas, Bloomington, IL  
 5HM Juanita Watts, Layton, UT  
 6HM Mary Jo Maguire, Englewood, CO  
 7HM Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX

**5. THE MARGO AWARD** \$225 \$125 \$75 (171 entries)

Judge: Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO**  
 “In the House of Opportunity”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH**  
 “Why an Open Window is so Much Better Than a Ceiling Fan”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT**  
 “Ode to a Window”

1HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
 2HM Rachel Kellum, Snyder, CO  
 3HM Carie Juettner, Austin, TX  
 4HM Sandi Keaton-Wilson, Somerset, KY  
 5HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR  
 6HM Julie L. George, Muskegon, MI  
 7HM Vicki Wilke, Clarkston, MI

**\*6. DONALD STODGHILL MEMORIAL AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$200 \$100 \$50 (190 entries) - Judge: Christine Beck, West Hartford, CT  
**1<sup>st</sup> Milton J. Bates, Marquette, MI**  
 “Transmigration”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Zimmermann, Hamden, CT**  
 “Charred Oak”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Drummond, Salida, CO**  
 “From That Morning On”

1HM Jean Bell, Evergreen, CO  
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 3HM Charles K. Firmage, Boise, ID  
 4HM Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH  
 5HM Rachel Kellum, Snyder, CO  
 6HM Roberta Marggraff, Waterbury, CT  
 7HM Sarah E. Morin, Fishers, IN

**\*7. GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$150 \$75 \$25 (110 entries)

Judge: Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL

**1<sup>st</sup> Lynne Elise Benson, Taylorsville, UT**  
 “Trailing Vines”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Richard R. Cuyler, Salida, CO**  
 “Sagotiate”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN**  
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**\*8. POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$125 \$50 \$25 (185 entries)

Judge: Julia George, Muskegon, MI

**1<sup>st</sup> Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX**  
 “A Mark for Distinction”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX**  
 “Music Lesson”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**  
 “Paper Trail”

1HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
 2HM Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA  
 3HM Carie Juettner, Austin, TX  
 4HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 5HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
 6HM M. B. LaWent, Ishpeming, MI  
 7HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

**9. THE NFSPS BOARD AWARD** \$150 \$70 \$50 (128 entries)

Judge: Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

**1<sup>st</sup> Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**  
 “April Fool”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Leitch, West Jordan, UT**  
 “Sixties-Something Hippies”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH**  
 “Time Bending Neverending”

1HM Doris DiSavino, Lancaster, PA  
 2HM Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ont., Canada  
 3HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 4HM Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM

5HM Marta Rijn Finch, Bennington, VT  
 6HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
 7HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

**10. UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** \$100 \$60 \$40 (174 entries)

Judge: Andrea L. Watson, Denver, CO

**1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM**  
 “On Visiting the Old Farms”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Marcia Jones, Golden, CO**  
 “Northern Light”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Doris DiSavino, Lancaster, PA**  
 “Where I’m From”

1HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 2HM Mia Nelson, Denver, CO  
 3HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
 4HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
 5HM Joyce Kohler, Midway UT  
 6HM Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT  
 7HM Diana Franco, Huntington Woods, MI

**\*11. AL LASTER MEMORIAL AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$100 \$50 \$25 (156 entries)

Judge: Jim Haendiges, St. George, UT

**1<sup>st</sup> Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX**  
 “Descending a Staircase, the Nude”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Blanks, Garfield, TX**  
 “Lady in Gray”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Francie Rountree, Saute Nacochie, GA**  
 “Painting at Cap-Haitien Market”

1HM Marcia Jones, Golden CO  
 2HM Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
 3HM Frances Brinkley Cowden, Cordova, TN  
 4HM J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX  
 5HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
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**12. FLORIDA STATE POETS ASSOCIATION AWARD** \$100 \$50 \$25 (52 entries)

Judge: Ruth F. Harrison, Waldport, OR

**1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL**  
 “The Old Cypress”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Davi Walders, Chevy Chase, MD**  
 “Dear Mrs. Bethune”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL**  
 “Windover Pond”

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**13. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** (\$75 \$50 \$25 161 entries)

Judge: Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX

**1<sup>st</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “New Bearings”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jil Jennings, Woodstock, GA**  
 “That Thing With Feathers”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Hastings, Heber, UT**  
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 3HM Milton J. Bates, Marquette, MI  
 4HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 5HM Jeani M. Picklesimer, Ashland, KY  
 6HM Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT  
 7HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR

**14. ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** \$75 \$30 \$20 (60 entries)

Judge: Danielle Beazer Dubrasky, Cedar City, UT

**1<sup>st</sup> Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO**  
 “Ready or Not”



**2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Marie Houston, Newburgh, NY**  
“How to Win”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR**  
“Steed”

1HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
2HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
3HM Connie Johnson (Kramer), Prescott Valley, AZ  
4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
5HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN  
6HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
7HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

**\*15. MILDRED VORPAHL BAASS  
REMEMBERENCE AWARD (\*Members Only)**  
\$60 \$40 \$20 (115 entries)

Judge: Joe Cavanaugh, Ormond Beach, FL

**1<sup>st</sup> Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ont., Canada**  
“Mysticats”

**2<sup>nd</sup> K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA**  
“My Suicidal Jew”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**  
“Panther Hill Rosetta of Coonsworth”

1HM Warren Jones, Owensville, IN  
2HM Marta Rijn Finch, Bennington, VT  
3HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT  
4HM Lee Pellam Cotton, Locust Hill, VA  
5HM Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL  
6HM Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ont., Canada  
7HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

**16. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA AWARD \$60 \$40  
\$20 (219 entries) - Judge: A. Molotkov, Portland, OR**

**1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL**  
“Gliding”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Kellum, Snyder, CO**  
“Three Degrees Below Freezing:  
If There Is Enough Light To See”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO**  
“Years Later, I Remember What He Taught Us”

1HM Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
2HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR  
3HM Mary E. McManus, Des Moines, IA  
4HM Dory Maguire, Dillsburg, PA  
5HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
6HM Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN  
7HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ont., Canada

**17. NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$50  
\$30 \$20 (184 entries)**

Judge: Janeen Pergrin Rastall, Marquette, MI

**1<sup>st</sup> Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL**  
“Fireworks”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT**  
“Thirteen Steps to a Haunted House”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR**  
“Winter Feast”

1HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR  
2HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
3HM Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA  
4HM Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO  
5HM Alice B. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
6HM Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH  
7HM Nancy Mercial, Ripley, WV

**18. INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF  
POETRY CLUBS AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20  
(178 entries) - Judge: Grace Curtis, Waynesville, OH**

**1<sup>st</sup> Chet Taylor, Seguin, TX**  
“Nobody Knows the Truffles I’ve Seen”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Glancy, Shawnee, KS**  
“Full Moon”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX**  
“The Migration Suite”

1HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
2HM Margaret Gleave, Ainsdale Southport, UK  
3HM Mo H. Saidi, San Antonio, TX  
4HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

5HM Brittany Wyatt, Los Lunas, NM  
6HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
7HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX

**19. WILLIAM STAFFORD MEMORIAL  
AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (207 entries)**

Darren M. Edwards, Washington, UT

**1<sup>st</sup> Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX**  
“Some Say”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Dolan, Rehoboth Beach, DE**  
“After Grievous Loss, Except for Stunning  
Dreams”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK**  
“Sidney”

1HM Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX  
2HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
3HM Karen Mastracchio, Spring, TX  
4HM Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX  
5HM Carol Clark Williams, York, PA  
6HM Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR  
7HM Sandra Lake Lassen, West Jefferson, WV

**20. THE NEW YORK POETRY FORUM  
AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (181 entries)**

Judge: Liz Glodek, Indianola, IA

**1<sup>st</sup> Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL**  
“How Language Lives”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR**  
“One Spring Day”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM**  
“Word Draught”

1HM Warren Jones, Owensville, IN  
2HM Iman Fears, New York, NY  
3HM Margaret D. Anderegg, Odessa, TX  
4HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
5HM Julia L. George, Muskegon, MI  
6HM Paula J. Lambert, Dublin, OH  
7HM Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI

**\*21. COLUMBINE POETS OF COLORADO  
AWARD (\*Members Only) \$50 \$30 \$20 (100  
entries) - Judge: Laurence W. Thomas, Ypsilanti, MI**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
“Symphony of Time”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Neal Huffaker, Norman, OK**  
“Good Riddance”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN**  
“Winter”

1HM Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
2HM Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX  
3HM Karen Hayes, North Little Rock, AR  
4HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
5HM Juanita Watts, Layton, UT  
6HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
7HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

**22. MORTON D. PROUTY & ELSIE S. PROUTY  
MEMORIAL AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (224 entries)**

Judge: Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT**  
“Ocean in a Jar”

**2<sup>nd</sup> David Bond, Carbondale, IL**  
“Saint Luke’s Summer”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Caroline Wilson, Willow Springs, IL**  
“The Bird Watcher”

1HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
2HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
3HM Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN  
4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
5HM Jennifer O’Conner, Rochester Hills, MI  
6HM Christine Valentine, Birney, MT  
7HM Linda K. Moore, Bogart, GA

**\*23. POETS ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS  
AWARD (\*Members Only) \$50 \$30 \$20 (186  
entries) - Judge: Charlotte Renk, Athens, TX**

**1<sup>st</sup> Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL**  
“Open Rehearsal”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
“About-Face”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX**  
“A Thread Too Slender”

1HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
2HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
3HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
4HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
5HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
6HM Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL  
7HM ~~No 7<sup>th</sup> HM due to disqualification~~

**24. LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY  
AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (122 entries)**

Judge: Sandy Hokanson, Cumming, GA

**1<sup>st</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
“Emily’s Birthday”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT**  
“Dinner Party for Five”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Becky Lindsay, Crestview Hills, KY**  
“The Night You Wore the Red Hat”

1HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
2HM Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ont. Canada  
3HM Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL  
4HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
5HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN  
6HM Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA  
7HM Kitty Mobley, Pinehurst, TX

**25. AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE AWARD  
(\*Members Only) \$50 \$30 \$20 (116 entries)**

Judge: Professor Kimberly Blaesser, Burlington, WI

**1<sup>st</sup> Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN**  
“Night’s Testimony”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wade Martin, Austin, TX**  
“Cochise Negotiates With the Maytag Man”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT**  
“Dineh Girl”

1HM Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
2HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
3HM Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM  
4HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
5HM Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL  
6HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL  
7HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

**\*26. VIOLET NEWTON MEMORIAL AWARD  
(\*Members Only) \$50 \$30 \$20 (179 entries)**

Judge: Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Green Powell, Beaumont, TX**  
“A Poet’s Garden”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN**  
“Day Labor”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO**  
“Translation”

1HM Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN  
2HM Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
3HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
4HM Kitty Mobley, Pinehurst, TX  
5HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
6HM Alexander Drummond, Salida, CO  
7HM D. Beecher Smith II, Memphis, TN

**27.\* CLAIRE VAN BREEMAN DOWNES  
MEMORIAL AWARD (\*Members Only) \$50 \$30  
\$20 (116 entries) -**

Judge: John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

**1<sup>st</sup> Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK**  
“Incident at Stratford Marina”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Harvey, Talent, OR**  
“Man, Descending Stairs”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM**  
“Sonnet V”

1HM Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH  
2HM Neal Huffaker, Norman, OK

3HM Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
 4HM Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX  
 5HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
 6HM Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX  
 7HM Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO

**\*28. OHIO AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$50 \$25 \$15  
 (189 entries) Judge: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX

**1<sup>st</sup> Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA**  
 “Out of Angst, the Re-Creation”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX**  
 “Resurrection”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT**  
 “Visiting the House of Four Winds”

1HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA  
 2HM Diana Franco, Huntington Woods, MI  
 3HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
 4HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
 5HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ  
 6HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT  
 7HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

**29. ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** \$40 \$30 \$20 (56 entries)

Judge: Amy Miller, Ashland, OR

**1<sup>st</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “Gardening With Abe”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX**  
 “Lincoln’s Last Dream”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mo H. Saidi, San Antonio, TX**  
 “The American Experiment”

1HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
 2HM Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
 3HM John D. McBride, Bettendorf, IA  
 4HM Laverna B. Johnson, St. George, UT  
 5HM Liz Dolan, Rehoboth Beach, DE  
 6HM Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK  
 7HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

**\*30. MINUTE AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$35 \$25 \$15 (85 entries)

Judge: D. Gary Christian, Santa Clara, UT

**1<sup>st</sup> Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI**  
 “Highway, 10 pm”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX**  
 “First Steps”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “Winter Revival”

1HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT  
 2HM Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX  
 3HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
 4HM Brenda Miller, Orville, OH  
 5HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
 6HM Pat Bastendorf, Panama City, FL  
 7HM Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

**31. POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN AWARD** \$35 \$25 \$15 (189 entries)

Judge: Janice Hornburg, Johnson City, TN

**1<sup>st</sup> D. Beecher Smith II, Memphis, TN**  
 “Icarus Ascending”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX**  
 “South Dakota in Autumn”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “Mass for the Reverent Corpus”

1HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 2HM James Ph. Kotsybar, Lompoc, CA  
 3HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
 4HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX  
 5HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
 6HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
 7HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

**32. JESSE STUART MEMORIAL AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (170 entries)

Judge: Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT

**1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL**  
 “At the Vocational Training Center”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Sebba, Murray, UT**  
 “What I Was”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Volz, Stuart, IA**  
 “Calligrapher’s Quill”

1HM Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR  
 2HM Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX  
 3HM Beth Staas, LaGrange Park, IL  
 4HM Karen Gibson, Provo, UT  
 5HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
 6HM Taney A. Brazeal, Fairhope, AL  
 7HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX

**\*33. HUMOROUS POETRY AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$25 \$20 \$15 (144 entries)

Judge: Jim Elberling, Egan, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Doyle R. Wood, Archer City, TX**  
 “December Dream”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Fiedler, Evergreen, CO**  
 “Prophecy”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL**  
 “I’m So Analog”

1HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK  
 2HM Elza Cogswell, Austin, TX  
 3HM Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, TX  
 4HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
 5HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, TX  
 6HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 7HM Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA

**34. BARBARA STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (207 entries)

Judge: Ed Brekke-Kramer, Fairmont, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Carol Brockford, Medford, OR**  
 “The Least of Them”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM**  
 “Mouse”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**  
 “Masque of the Dark Romancer”

1HM Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
 2HM Elzy Cogswell, Austin, TX  
 3HM Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL  
 4HM Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 5HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 6HM Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN  
 7HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

**\*35. DORMAN JOHN GRACE MEMORIAL AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$25 \$20 \$15 (97 entries)

Judge: Steve Abbott, Columbus, OH

**1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Gleave, Ainsdale, Southport, UK**  
 “Recycled”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK**  
 “Birthplace”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN**  
 “Questions from a Shoe Sleuth”

1HM Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR  
 2HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
 3HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
 4HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA  
 5HM Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
 6HM Doyle R. Wood, Archer City, TX  
 7HM Elzy Gogswell, Austin, TX

**\*36. POETRY SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$25 \$20 \$15 (123 entries) - Judge: Kerry Trautman, Findlay, OH

**1<sup>st</sup> Alexander Drummond, Salida, CO**  
 “The Day Before You Died”

**2<sup>nd</sup> N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “Last Hug”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX**  
 “Strolling in Iambic Pentameter”

1HM Beth Staas, LaGrange Park, IL  
 2HM Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
 3HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT

4HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
 5HM Joan Kantor, Collinsville, CT  
 6HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX  
 7HM Jerry Long, Muskegon, MI

**37. SAVE OUR EARTH AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (104 entries)

Judge: Jim Lambert, Carbondale, IL

**1<sup>st</sup> Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT**  
 “5:00 AM”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Sebba, Murray, UT**  
 “I Am the Turtle”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI**  
 “Things We Don’t Know”

1HM Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM  
 2HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
 3HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX  
 4HM Laura Loughridge, Maumelle, AR  
 5HM Joan Kantor, Collinsville, CT  
 6HM Meg Eden Kuyatt, College Park, MD  
 7HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

**38. MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (164 entries)

Judge: Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX

**1<sup>st</sup> Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX**  
 “Eudora Welty Photographs of Depression”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR**  
 “A Number Away”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**  
 “Impressionistic Study in Monochrome”

1HM Lucile Beck Quinn, Columbus, OH  
 2HM Carie Juettner, Austin, TX  
 3HM Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX  
 4HM Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
 5HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
 6HM Alexander Drummond, Salida, CO  
 7HM Carol Clark Williams, York, PA

**\*39. POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE AWARD (\*Members Only)** \$25 \$20 \$15 (78 entries)

Judge: Marta Rijn Finch, Old Bennington, VT

**1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Sposto, Memphis, TN**  
 “Pontius Pilate”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT**  
 “Commute”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL**  
 “Dancing With a Hurricane”

1HM Neal Huffaker, Norman, OK  
 2HM Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX  
 3HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 4HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
 5HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 6HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA  
 7HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

**40. IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (129 entries)

Judge: Todd M. Bailey, Kingsport, TN

**1<sup>st</sup> Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT**  
 “Grandpa’s Old Barn”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Louise Cook, Sandy, UT**  
 “Shwell and Greis”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL**  
 “Trouble”

1HM Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL  
 2HM Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH  
 3HM Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth, TX  
 4HM Leslie C. Halpern, Oviedo, FL  
 5HM Mary Zachmeyer, Mt. Pleasant, IA  
 6HM Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA  
 7HM Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM

**41. WYOPOETS AWARD** \$25 \$20 \$15 (170 entries) - Judge: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

**1<sup>st</sup> Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX**  
 “A Poet’s Breakfast”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI**  
 "Seven Ways to Steal"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Carie Juettner, Austin, TX**  
 "Underneath"

1HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK  
 2HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
 3HM Nancy Merial, Ripley, WV  
 4HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
 5HM Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT  
 6HM Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM  
 7HM John D. McBride, Bettendorf, IA

**42. MISSISSIPPI POTRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25**  
 \$20 \$15 (108 entries)

Judge: Mary-Ann Westbrook, Ormond Beach, FL

**1<sup>st</sup> Judith Tullis, Indian Head Park, IL**  
 "Remembered"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT**  
 "Going Blind"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN**  
 "A Gem in Our Walk"

1HM Joel Passey, Layton, UT  
 2HM Elza Cogswell, Austin, TX  
 3HM Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX  
 4HM Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA  
 5HM Karen Mastracchio, Spring, TX  
 6HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
 7HM Beth Turner Ayers, Plano, TX

**\*43. GINGERBREAD POETS AWARD**  
 (\*Members Only) \$25 \$20 \$15 (68 entries)

Judge: Ms. B. J. Alligood, port Orange, FL

**1<sup>st</sup> Maria Weber, Buena Vista, CO**  
 "Miss Ada"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM**  
 "Sugar Peaches"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL**  
 "For Peter Pan and Wendy"

1HM Carie Juettner, Austin, TX  
 2HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
 3HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
 4HM Dave Harvey, Talent, OR  
 5HM Warren Jones, Owensville, IN  
 6HM Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
 7HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX

**\*44. SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**  
**AWARD (\*Members Only) \$25 \$20 \$15 (57 entries)**

Judge: Sonja Kosler, Dent, MN

**1<sup>st</sup> Jim Barton, Huttig, AR**  
 "Immigrant Song"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT**  
 "The Alamo"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Patti Hannaway, Wesley Chapel, FL**  
 "The Little Tin Whistle"

1HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
 2HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL  
 3HM Wade Martin, Austin, TX  
 4HM Carol Brockfield, Medford, OR  
 5HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
 6HM Jill Jennings, Woodstock, GA  
 7HM Margery L. Watts, Stuart, IA

**45. MAINE POETS SOCIETY AWARD**  
 \$25 \$20 \$15 (147 entries)

Judge: Melissa K. Downes, Clarion, PA

**1<sup>st</sup> Julianza Shavin, Colorado Springs, CO**  
 "On Viewing a Photograph by Kushal Poddar"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Davi Walders, Chevy Chase, MD**  
 "The Eastern Shore"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Patricia Lieb, Spring Hill, FL**  
 "Afternoon at the Beach"

1HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS  
 2HM Meg Eden Kuyatt, College Park, MD  
 3HM Lisa Dolan, Rehoboth Beach, DE  
 4HM Chet Taylor, Seguin, TX  
 5HM James F. Ahern, Rochester, MI

6HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London Ont., Canada  
 7HM Margaret Gleave Ainsdale, Southport, UK

**\*46. MIRIAM S. STRAUSS MEMORIAL**  
**AWARD (\*Members Only) \$25 \$20 \$15 (82 entries)**

Judge: Rhonda Brown, Mesa, AZ

**1<sup>st</sup> Louise Cook, Sandy, UT**  
 "Let's All Go to the Snack Bar"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR**  
 "Watch Atticus Finch One More Time"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Julia L. George, Muskegon, MI**  
 "Speaking of Monroe"

1HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 2HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
 3HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA  
 4HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL  
 5HM Kitty Mobley, Pinehurst, TX  
 6HM Judith Krum, Sanford, FL  
 7HM Jamie Morewood Anderson, Cedar Crest, NM

**\*47. THE POETS NORTHWEST AWARD**  
 (\*Members Only) \$25 \$20 \$15 (163 entries)

Judge: Christine Valentine, Birney, MT

**1<sup>st</sup> Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX**  
 "A Stitched-Together Life"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX**  
 "The Absence"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA**  
 "Listening to Country Radio During Inclement Weather"

1HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT  
 2HM Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN  
 3HM Frances Brinkley Cowden, Cordova, TN  
 4HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
 5HM Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR  
 6HM Michael Bourgo, Boalsburg, PA  
 7HM Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX

**48. JESSICA C. SAUNDERS MEMORIAL**  
**AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (110 entries)**

Judge: Zachary Kluckman, Albuquerque, NM

**1<sup>st</sup> John D. McBride, Bettendorf, IA**  
 "Der Ring des Nibelungen: Wagner in Iceland"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wade Martin, Austin, TX**  
 "Landlord Blues"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS**  
 "Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, Marianna, Florida 1900-2011"

1HM Christine H. Boldt, Temple, TX  
 2HM Georgette Perry, Huntsville, AL  
 3HM Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN  
 4HM Richard R. Cuyler, Salida, CO  
 5HM Carie Juettner, Austin, TX  
 6HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
 7HM Karen Hayes, North Little Rock, AR

**49. APPRECIATION AWARD**  
 \$25 \$20 \$15 (139 entries)

Judge: Art Elser, Denver, CO

**1<sup>st</sup> Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI**  
 Haiku, Untitled

**2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX**  
 "She"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH**  
 "Tribute to Bess"

1HM Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN  
 2HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
 3HM Jennifer Hernandez, New Hope, MN  
 4HM Kathi Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL  
 5HM Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CA  
 6HM Liz Dolan, Rehoboth Beach, DE  
 7HM Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

**50. STUDENT AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20**  
 7 Honorable Mentions \$5 each (161 entries)  
 Judge: Linda Schofield, Maineville, OH

**1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Morrow, Plano, TX**  
 "Legio X Equestris"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Orsak, Dallas, TX**  
 "Clenched Fists"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Kreutner, Vinton, IA**  
 "They Were Never Veterans"

1HM Jane Cook, Dallas, TX  
 2HM Ashley Ates, Plano, TX  
 3HM Anna Sudderth, Fort Worth, TX  
 4HM Claire Rattan, Dallas, TX  
 5HM Susan Stacy, Des Moines, IA  
 6HM Caroline Woodman, Dallas, TX  
 7HM Elizabeth Guo, Dallas, TX

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LEVEL POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

### College Poets Wow St. Pete Crowd

Carlina Duan and Max Seifert are the winners of the 2015 Edna Meudt and Florence Kahn Memorial Awards, respectively, in this year's College Undergraduate Poetry awards. They received cash awards and publication of their chapbooks, which can be ordered through Amazon.com. Both attended the 2015 NFSPS Annual Convention in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they wowed the crowd with readings from their winning entries at the Friday dinner.

Carlina won the Edna Meudt Memorial Award for her chapbook, *Here I Go, Torching*. She is a poet and journalist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She has just completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Creative Writing at the University of Michigan, where she has won multiple Hopwood awards and writing prizes, and worked as an editor for her college newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*. Duan is one of the founding editors of Ann Arbor's Red Beard Press, a youth-driven publishing company, and coauthor of the poetry collection *Electric Bite Women* (2013) with poet Haley Patail. In January, 2016, she will move to Malaysia to teach English as a U.S. Fulbright scholar. At the convention, Carlina also served as a judge and "sacrificial poet" for the Saturday night Team Slam competition.

Max Seifert received the Florence Kahn Memorial Award for *The Hole of Everything, Nebraska*. Raised in Wilmette, Illinois, he is a creative writing student at the University of Iowa, where he edits poetry for *earthwords: the undergraduate review* and interns with the International Writing Program. His work has previously appeared in *Ink Lit Mag* and *plain china: national anthology of undergraduate writing*. His improv troupe, Skinny Horses, and punk band, Riot Fire, are regulars in the Iowa City basement-show scene. Max just returned in May from five months study in France. When pirates raided the pre-dinner reception at the St. Petersburg convention, Max gallantly defended his lady, Molly English, from the fearsome marauders.

Judges for this year's competition, the first NFSPS contest using online submission and judging, were: 1st VP of NFSPS Jim Barton of Arkansas, Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Colorado, and James Ahearn of Michigan.

## 2015 STEVENS POETRY MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION

**Awarding \$1,000 + Publication + 50 Books**

### MANUSCRIPT GUIDELINES

- Except for previous Stevens winners, open to all poets writing in English
- Original work by a single author
- Include title page (title only), table of contents, and 48 to 70 pages of poetry, counting any section title pages but not counting front matter
- May include previously published poems. The winner will be required to provide an acknowledgment page if the manuscript includes previously published poems.
- No author identification anywhere in manuscript
- No illustrations
- Pages numbered, one poem, one column per page. Poems may be continued on a second page, but do not put two poems on the same page.
- Single space your manuscript. Use 12-point type in a conventional font such as Times New Roman. If you write in long lines or complex formats, be aware that the winning book will be published in a 6" x 9" format.
- Simultaneous and multiple submissions permitted. Notify us immediately if your manuscript is accepted elsewhere.

### DEADLINE

Submissions will be accepted from **SEPTEMBER 1 through midnight Pacific Standard Time, OCTOBER 1, 2015**. The Submittable online system will be accessible only during this time, and hard-copy submissions must be **postmarked** during this period. No early or late submissions.

### ENTRY FEE & PAYMENTS

The submission fee is \$20 for NFSPS members, \$25 for nonmembers. Members of state poetry societies affiliated with NFSPS are members.

- For online submissions, pay at Submittable.com with a credit card or PayPal.
- For mailed paper submissions, place your check on top of the manuscript.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**Online Submissions via Submittable.com.** We strongly encourage using NFSPS' Stevens submission page at Submittable.com. You can find a link to this page by going to nfsp.com and selecting the Manuscript Contest link. Using Submittable saves us both time and money.

- Simply submit the manuscript in a **single** document file from your computer into the designated area.

•If you have an acknowledgements page, it must be submitted separately.

•You will be notified that your manuscript has been received.

•A Submittable account is free, simple to set up, and instantly usable. If you currently have a Submittable account, you may use it to enter the competition. If you do not have an account, use the online sign-up. An increasing number of journals and other literary venues accept submission only through Submittable.

**Mailed Submissions.** If you are unable to make an online submission, mail your manuscript.

- Manuscript must be typewritten or computer generated.

•Enclose manuscript in a plain file folder and/or held by a manuscript clip; NO staples or binding.

•On the top of your manuscript, place a page with the title and your name, address, phone number, and email address, plus the name of the state poetry society where you are a member (if applicable).

You will not be eligible for the reduced fee without society membership information.

- Do NOT send by certified or registered mail. Do NOT send disks.

•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 2016.

- The winner will automatically be notified.

*Mail submissions to:*

Wilda Morris, Chair  
NFSPS Stevens Poetry Manuscript Competition  
P. O. Box 1669  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

### JUDGING, PUBLICATION, & QUESTIONS

All manuscripts will be reviewed for compliance with guidelines and overall quality by the competition chair. Approximately 100 manuscripts 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 the NFSPS annual convention and elsewhere in June, 2016.

You may address questions to the contest chair at the above address, or by email to [stevens.nfsp@gmail.com](mailto:stevens.nfsp@gmail.com).

**Past Judges:** David Baker, Michael Dennis Browne, Michael Bugeja, Anne Marx, Sue Brannan Walker, Kenneth Brewer, David Sutherland, Donna Salli, Bruce Eastman, Ruth Berman, Peter Meinke, Lawson Inada, Patricia Fagnoli, Jeff Gundy, Carolyne Wright, Ralph Burns, Lola Haskins, Jessica Garratt, Maggie Anderson, Glenna Holloway, John Witte.

### NFSPS MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY** is fortunate to have four official chapters, each of which hosts a scheduled meeting during the year. In Director Bev Barnes absence, Roberta Hung stepped up to present an absorbing program at Word Crafters Spring Meeting on May 2nd. Roberta spoke on the Poetry of Cosmopolitan Tang Dynasty (617-907 CE). President Jeanette Maes offered a workshop, "Ramifications," that resulted in clever poems and much hilarity. Waterfront Crew Poets launched a new book in April, *Collected Poems*, partially supported by the Winthrop Cultural Council. In May, seven members participated in an Arts & Letters Crawl that included poetry readings at the Winthrop Public Library. Summer solstice presented another opportunity to share poetry when the Waterfront Crew Poets again did readings at the Cultural Center. The next meeting of MSPS will be held on the first Saturday in August in the town of Lunenburg at the home of Mary Ellen Letarte, the Louise Brogan Chapter Director. Best summer greetings to NFSPS from MSPS until autumn.  
~ Patricia Bruen Tacelli, Reporter

**LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS** held its semi-annual gathering in St. Cloud, Minnesota in April. The featured speaker and teacher was Margaret Hasse, a well known poet from the Twin cities area. Nearly forty poets participated in the event which lasted two days, and included writing time, learning time, and meals around which poets could meet new friends and discuss their favorite

topic, poetry. In October, our fall meeting will be held in St. Paul at Hotel 340, the site of the NFSPS 2016 convention, for a trial run of its facilities and services. We do hope you are planning ahead for the event, as we are. Be on the lookout for future announcements so you can come join the fun in an historic building near the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi. ~ Dennis Herschbach, President

**MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY** held its annual Spring Festival in April at the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center in beautiful Ocean Springs. We were privileged to have Jim Barton from Arkansas, first vice president of NFSPS, as our guest speaker. His workshop topic was "Word Count vs. Words That Count," and he demonstrated how to make our poetry more concise. In his keynote address he offered helpful advice about how to get our work published. Jim is not only an excellent speaker, but also very entertaining. Winners were announced for the adult and student categories by contest coordinator, Sheila Grieco. Winning the top prize for the Mississippi Poetry Society Award was Linda Watson Owen. This year the society gave out awards to three exceptional poets: Judy Davies and Dr. Emory Jones each received Lifetime Achievement Awards for their poetry and service, and Sandra Bounds received the coveted Poet of the Year Award for 2015. After reading some of her favorite poems, Sandra signed copies of her chapbook, *From the Heart of the Deep South*. MPS congratulates one of our North Branch members, Patricia Neely-Dorsey, poet and author, who was named as a "Goodwill Ambassador" for her "celebration of the south and things southern across Mississippi." Check out her website at [patricianeelydorsey.webs.com](http://patricianeelydorsey.webs.com). We would like for everyone to be aware that our student category will be judged earlier this year with a deadline of December 1, 2015. Information will be posted on our website, [www.misspoetry.net](http://www.misspoetry.net), at a later date.  
~ Dorothy Wiman, Secretary

**POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS'** Student Awards Festival was held on April 18, 2015, at the J. Erik Jonsson Main Library in downtown Dallas with Poetry in the Schools Chairman Budd Powell Mahan officiating. Prior to the event, certificates were mailed to students winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in the PST Student Contests and those attending the event read their winning poems. Attending student winners were given the anthology containing the 1st Place winning poems, as well as the names only of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Place winners, along with the names of all their teachers and schools. Assisting at the event were L. D. Carter, Patrick Lee Marshall, President Catherine L'Herisson, Director Susan Maxwell Campbell and her husband. The Library's auditorium had standing room only, with seating for 170 while more than 200 people attended.  
~ Nancy Baass

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To assist societies endeavoring to strengthen their youth programming, the Youth Activities Committee is preparing a compilation of ways to engage young poets, with contact information for the people who have developed them. This will be made available on the NFSPS website and/or sent to state presidents.

Another area of state society programming long recognized by the NFSPS board is for Poetry Day and Poetry Month. This year, eighteen societies reported their activities to Poetry Day/Poetry Month Liaison Dena R. Gorrell and were awarded certificates. For the coming year, we will not only continue to recognize societies for their Poetry Day and Poetry Month activities, but we will also provide resources for such activities. I have appointed Amy Jo Zook, a past president of NFSPS who has also served the Federation in many other roles, to the position of Publicity Chair, Traditional Media. She will focus on providing materials for effective ways of marking Poetry Day and Poetry Month.

Besides facilitating communication among affiliated societies and making program resources available to them, we on the NFSPS board are trying to make it easier for officers and members of those societies to communicate with us. To that end, I have appointed Russell H. Strauss, a past president of NFSPS and current president of the Poetry Society of Tennessee (his 4th time in that role), to serve as Board Liaison to State Societies. If you have questions, suggestions, or complaints for the board, contact Russell at [rstrpoet@cs.com](mailto:rstrpoet@cs.com). He will make sure that they are conveyed to the board members who can address them.

Newsletter, website, Facebook, email, postal mail—all are means for us to communicate with each other across the distances of our country. Best of all, though, is the in-person contact that occurs at our annual conventions. To ensure that it remains feasible for state societies to host them and to make it possible for members with limited incomes to attend them, the board has adopted a few new measures. NFSPS will provide the multi-page forms where attendees can fill in contest results as they are announced, and it will also pay the registration fees for the winners of the Stevens and College/University poetry manuscript competitions and the costs of the meals at which they are guest speakers. Until now, these expenses have been the responsibility of the host society.

Perhaps most important for members who have often wanted to attend a convention but never been able to fit it into their budgets, and for those who have only been able to do so occasionally, the NFSPS board is establishing fellowships to help cover the costs of convention attendance. Third Vice-President Diane Glancy is chairing the committee that will work out the financing and implementation of this new program.

What we do is, of course, all for poets and poetry—we are poets serving our fellow poets. At the 2015 convention, this ethos was wonderfully exemplified by the keynoter, Peter Meinke, recently named Florida Poet Laureate. He and his wife, artist Jeanne Meinke, participated actively in the entire convention, conveying the warmest interest in everyone's work. High poetic achievement combined with such readiness to give of oneself to fellow poets is what we have been seeking in an Honorary Chancellor, and I am deeply gratified that Peter Meinke has accepted my invitation to serve as NFSPS Honorary Chancellor for 2015-2016.

**CONTESTS**

**ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY's 2015** Annual Contest presents "Poetry: Something for Everyone." All poets and aspiring poets are invited to enter. For a small fee you can enter one or all twelve poetry categories with varied interesting forms and subjects. Enter original unpublished poems following the various guidelines. Submissions must arrive by midnight Sept. 15. Categories pay \$200, \$100 or \$50. In addition to a certificate, the first three winning entries in each category will be read at the ASPS Fall Conference in November and printed in *Sandcutters*, the ASPS journal. Winning poets will receive a copy of the beautifully bound book. Check guidelines on submissions at [azpoetry.webs.com](http://azpoetry.webs.com) or contact Carol Hogan, Contest Chair, ASPS Annual Contest 2015, 10401 N. Cave Creek Rd. Lot 116, Phoenix, AZ 85020 or by email at [carolhogan@cox.net](mailto:carolhogan@cox.net).

**REDROCK WRITERS' CHAPARRAL POETRY FORUM CONTEST. NEW DATES!** Entries: postmarked Sept. 1 through Dec. 1, 2015. Contest guidelines available at [redrockwriters.org](http://redrockwriters.org). Questions, contact the Contest Chair: Marie Tollstrup [mariect@infowest.com](mailto:mariect@infowest.com).

**SPRINGFIELD WRITERS' GUILD** of Springfield, Missouri, proudly announces its 22nd Annual Prose and Poetry Competition. Deadline is September 15, 2015. The competition is open to all writers. All categories, with the exception of the Jim Stone Memorial Poetry Division, have no limit to the number of entries. A \$5 entry fee must accompany each entry. All entries must be original and unpublished. The competition includes a number of poetry categories as well as fiction, and non-fiction. For the first time this year it will be possible to enter online. Contest guidelines are available at: [springfieldwritersguild.org/contests](http://springfieldwritersguild.org/contests). Click on the contest link, Submission Manager. If you would like to have guidelines emailed to you, send your request or questions to [writer716@gmail.com](mailto:writer716@gmail.com).

**ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY** contest with 8 categories. Deadline: Sept. 10, 2015. \$10 for up to 8 poems (\$8 for ISPS member states). Full guidelines at [illinoispoets.org](http://illinoispoets.org).

**POETRY FESTIVAL IN SOUTHERN UTAH — MARCH 3-5, 2016**

Plan to spend a weekend next spring in Southern Utah immersed in poetry and creative writing. On Thursday, March 3, at 7 pm in the Springdale Canyon Community Center, Z-ARTS will present a free lecture, "An Evening with Plein Air Poetry," by visiting poet Dr. David J. Rothman, Director of the Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Western State Colorado University.

On Friday, March 4, from 9 am to 4 pm the seventh annual POETRY IN THE PARK will take place at Zion Park Lodge with Rothman presenting a Plein Air Poetry Workshop surrounded by the natural beauty of Zion Park's red rock country. Admission to the park and a guided naturalist walk are included in the seminar fee.

Continuing into the weekend, the 20th annual Redrock Writers Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 5th, from 9 am to 4 pm. The Seminar features a distinguished faculty exploring: Cowboy Poetry, Writing with Tension, Photo Journalism and Plein Air Poetry. More info. is available at [redrockwriters.org](http://redrockwriters.org). These workshops have been made possible by a partnership between Utah State Poetry Society and Zion Natural History Association with partial funding from the Utah Department of Arts and Museums and NEA. Details are available at [poetry-in-the-park.com](http://poetry-in-the-park.com).

Fees are \$60 each for Poetry in the Park and for Redrock Seminar, with discounts for UTSPS members. Lodging is available at reduced prices at Zion Park Lodge, in Springdale, or in St. George which has a regional airport with connections to Denver and Salt Lake City. From the Las Vegas airport, shuttles are available to St. George and carpools to Zion Park. Don't miss this wonderful learning opportunity in inspiring Utah—make lodging and travel arrangements now!



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**ABOVE and BEYOND AWARD**  
**Presented by Steven Concert, NFSPS**  
**Chancellor and Youth Chair**

The inspiration for this award came about while trying to organize a filing cabinet. While sifting through folders of saved paperwork, I rediscovered the 2008 NFSPS contest chair report. On the report, I had highlighted several items that had caught my attention. I had planned to recognize these two individuals in 2009, but the report was inadvertently filed away. Rediscovering the report and because so many state presidents and Youth Chair pointed out individual efforts of their members, I decided that all of them needed to be acknowledged. Fourteen individuals are being honored for their willingness to help, lead, and inspire our youth.

1. In 2008, this individual judged the NFSPS Category #50 – Student Award. In addition to judging the competition, the individual felt that the poetry of an additional 51 entries “had real merit,” and volunteered to write each of them a note of encouragement, show them where their meter failed, or why the rhythm balked in a read-aloud line. Member of the League of Minnesota Poets – Charmaine Donovan.

2. Also in 2008, the NFSPS contest chair along with the judge of Category #50, “put together a small citation certificate” for the additional 51 entries and mailed them back to the students. Member of the Connecticut Poetry Society – Christine Beck.

3. This individual works with homeless youth through a program called Art From Ashes (a non-profit) – homeless youth hang out in their space and write 3-minute poems after a workshop by an adult poet. Member of the Columbine Poets of Colorado – Marleine Yannish.

4. This individual goes into classrooms to teach poetry. Member of the Columbine Poets of Colorado – Julie Cummings.

5. This individual goes into classrooms to teach poetry. Member of the Columbine Poets of Colorado – Anita Jepson Gilbert.

6. This individual goes into classrooms to teach poetry. Member of the Columbine Poets of Colorado – Seth Harris.

7. This individual goes into classrooms to teach poetry. Member of the Columbine Poets of Colorado – Rosemary Wahtola Trommer.

8. In 2013, this individual's Elders Project was awarded the State History Award in Education from the Historical Society of Michigan. The

Elders Project uses oral history interviews to create poetry based on the stories and lives of elders in our communities, linking history with literature. The project consists of three parts: introducing students to the interview process, the elder interview itself, then transcribing the recordings and culling the interviews into narrative poetry. From these poems the students can publish a book or weave together and present a Spoon River Anthology style reading/performance of their poems for the school or community. Terry has hosted this project in numerous communities with middle through high school students. Member of the Poetry Society of Michigan – Terry Wooten.

9. This individual goes into classrooms to teach poetry. Member of the League of Minnesota Poets – Sister Rafael Tilton.

10. This individual taught breakout sessions for the Young Authors – Young Artists at the College of St. Benedicts where over 1,200 middle school students attend the three day event each year. This individual taught poetry to over 200 of the students attending the event. Member of the League of Minnesota Poets – Dennis Herschbach.

11. This individual developed a blueprint for the state society's “Poet in Your Classroom” program that can be duplicated in other schools. He also helped to expand the program this year to include publication of an anthology of the students' work. Member of the New Mexico State Poetry Society – John Candelaria.

12. This individual led a workshop for high school juniors at one high school. Member of the Oregon Poetry Association – Steve Jones.

13. This individual stayed on as Youth Chair for the state society many, many years beyond what she was willing to serve while waiting for someone to step up and relieve her of the duty. It took five years to find a replacement. Member of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society – Marilyn Downing.

14. This individual serves as Youth Chair for the state. He ensures student participation in the NFSPS Student Award contest - Category #50 by forwarding over 100 student entries to the contest. Member of the Poetry Society of Texas – Budd Powell Mahan.

**MANNINGHAM TRUST STUDENT**  
**POETRY CONTEST 2015 WINNERS**  
**Junior Level Winners**

**First Place**

Name: Neha Dronamraju  
 Title: India - My Mother

School: The Hockaday School  
 City: Dallas, Texas  
 Teacher: Allyson Cockrum

**Second Place**

Name: Anthony Poett  
 Title: Darkness  
 School: Cambridge Lakes Charter School  
 City: Pingree Grove, Illinois  
 Teacher: James Buckwalter

**Third Place**

Name: Salvador Sarabia  
 Title: Tornado  
 School: White Station Middle School  
 City: Memphis, Tennessee  
 Teacher: Jennifer Brennehan

**Fourth Place**

Name: Hannah Van Meveren  
 Title: Mango Haiku  
 School: St. Peter Lutheran School  
 City: Arlington Heights, Illinois  
 Teacher: Amy Picchiotti

**Fifth Place**

Name: Ellen Schindel  
 Title: Nafpaktos  
 School: The Hockaday School  
 City: Dallas, Texas  
 Teacher: Allyson Cockrum

**First Honorable Mention**

Name: Dalyn Feigenspan  
 Title: How I Grew Up  
 School: Mexico Middle School  
 City: Mexico, Missouri  
 Teacher: Lauren Mattson

**Second Honorable Mention**

Name: Cameron Feagin  
 Title: I'm Trying  
 School: Howard Middle School  
 City: Ocala, Florida  
 Teacher: Vickie Treulieb

**Third Honorable Mention**

Name: Kendrick Lee  
 Title: Concerto 21  
 School: Spencer Butte Middle School  
 City: Eugene, Oregon  
 Teacher: Michael Roderick

**Fourth Honorable Mention**

Name: Christina Yang  
 Title: Graphite Scribbles  
 School: The Hockaday School  
 City: Dallas, Texas  
 Teacher: Michelle Mount

**Fifth Honorable Mention**

Name: Emara Klein  
 Title: Loneliness  
 School: St. Albert Catholic School  
 City: Council Bluffs, Iowa  
 Teacher: Fran Shorey

**STROPHES AUGUST 2015 INSERT - Page 2 of 2****Senior Level Winners****First Place**

Name: Sarah Binau  
 Title: Sixteen Going on Seventeen  
 School: Bexley High School  
 City: Bexley, Ohio  
 Teacher: Julie Horger

**Second Place**

Name: Hannah Birch  
 Title: Physics and T.S. Eliot  
 School: Hempstead High School  
 City: Dubuque, Iowa  
 Teacher: Susan Swift

**Third Place**

Name: Jennifer Xiao  
 Title: Night Dancer  
 School: White Station High School  
 City: Memphis, Tennessee  
 Teacher: Scott Harrison

**Fourth Place**

Name: Marley Lopez  
 Title: Pursued Lips  
 School: St. Mary's Academy  
 City: Portland, Oregon  
 Teacher: Sara Salvi

**Fifth Place**

Name: Sophia Frechette  
 Title: Turn It Down  
 School: Seabreeze High School  
 City: Daytona Beach, Florida  
 Teacher: Leah Paul Volusia

**First Honorable Mention**

Name: Marley C. Eggertsen  
 Title: Circling Morocco  
 School: Create Solutions Tutoring  
 City: Ashland, Oregon  
 Teacher: Sara-Lynne Simpson

**Second Honorable Mention**

Name: Anna Sudderth  
 Title: Flowers in April  
 School: Trinity Valley School  
 City: Fort Worth, Texas  
 Teacher: Lucas Jacob

**Third Honorable Mention**

Name: Grace M. Hermes  
 Title: Sepia Skyline  
 School: St. Mary's Academy  
 City: Portland, Oregon  
 Teacher: Sara Salvi

**Fourth Honorable Mention**

Name: Tanvi Yenna  
 Title: Stories  
 School: Valley High School  
 City: West Des Moines, Iowa  
 Teacher: Erin Petty

**Fifth Honorable Mention**

Name: Catherine Carroll  
 Title: August  
 School: Benet Academy  
 City: Lisle, Illinois  
 Teacher: Lisa DiMarco

**MANNINGHAM TRUST STUDENT POETRY CONTEST**

*Rules: 2016 annual competition*

**1. There are two divisions: Grade 6-8 (Junior Division) and Grades 9-12 (Senior Division).** Each state may submit ten (10) top poems in each division. Poems may have been printed and/or have won previous awards. Contests at state level may have occurred anytime in 2015 or 2016.

**2. The competition is open to all USA students in grades 6 – 12.** Public, private, and homeschools are eligible for entry by individual NFSPS member states.

**3. Submit two copies of each poem.** Put the division (Junior or Senior) in the upper left corner of both copies. One copy must have the student's ID in upper right corner. The ID information is student name, school name and address, student grade level, and the student's language arts/English teacher's name. The second copy must not have ID information. Do not send a copy with any other marking - there should be no indication of prior award granted by the state.

**4. Each poem must be neatly typed or computer-generated, and have no more than 30 lines.** If a poem continues more than one page, staple the pages together. Do not staple the two copies of the poem together. It is suggested that each state representative keep a copy of poems entered.

**5. There should be no large or unusual fonts or illustrations.** Times New Roman is the suggested font. No font larger than 12 point should be used. Winning poems are scanned for the award anthology and large and/or unusual fonts impede the process.

**6. Each entrant must make a declaration of originality.** The statement should appear on the bottom of the ID copy only. The form below is acceptable:

I certify that this poem is my original work, and has not been copied in whole or part from any author's poems in print or posted on the Internet.

Signed:

**7. Separate poems into respective divisions.** Within each division separate the ID copy from the anonymous copy meant for judges. Include a cover letter identifying the Manningham (Youth) Chairperson to whom the report on the contests will be mailed.

**8. Entries must be received by March 1, 2016.**

**Send entries to: Budd Mahan, 7059 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254**

Ten prizes will be awarded in each division: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$50, Third Place - \$40, Fourth Place - \$35, Fifth Place - \$30, and five Honorable Mentions - \$10 each.

All winning poems will be published in the Manningham Trust Poetry Student Award Anthology. Winners will receive complimentary copies. The schools of each winning student will receive a complimentary copy for the school library. Notice of winners report will be sent to each state's Manningham (Youth) Chair no later by May 20, 2016. Awards (certificates, checks, anthologies) will also be mailed to the state chairperson. Each state is responsible for distributing prizes to winners and winning schools. The top winning poems will be read to NFSPS members at the Convention held in June 2016.

Entries by individual students are allowed. No individual entry will supersede a state's collective entries, but in cases in which a state has no NFSPS affiliation or sends no entries, an individual entry may qualify for judging.

I look forward to each state's participation in the Manningham Poetry Trust's annual contests. Questions may be directed to the chairperson at the addresses/numbers below.

Budd Powell Mahan  
 Manningham Trust Student Poetry Awards  
 Chairperson  
 7059 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254  
 972-788-4944 ~ buddmahan@att.net

**2015 NFSPS CONVENTION PHOTOS**

Carlina Duan and Max Seifert, winners of the 2015 College Undergraduate Poetry awards, with a Blackbeard's Pirate Krewe.



Peter Meinke (center), recently named Florida Poet Laureate, with his wife, artist Jeanne Meinke, and Florida State Poets Association President, Joseph Cavanaugh.

Thanks to Wayne S. Williams of Largo, Florida for the above photos.



## NFSPS 2015 CONVENTION - ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Presentation Friday evening on "Gifts from the Sea" by Janet Watson.



Amy Jo Zook announces the 2015 Stevens Manuscript winner.



Blackbeard's Pirate Krewe in full and fearsome finery.



Presentations on "Florida's Roots" by Elaine Person, Sean Sexton and Doyle Rigdon



Contestants for the Florida Slam Team along with competition judges and poetry lovers.





Eleanor Berry, Janet Watson, Nora Watson (a.k.a. Angelica Shoals)



Max Seifert (winner, Florence Kahn Memorial Award), Kathy Cotton, Carlina Duan (winner, Edna Meudt Memorial Award)



Peggy Arnold (middle) and other attendees



LOMP members (2016 Convention hosts)—Peter Stein, Henry Panowitsch, Susan Stevens Chambers, Mary Schmidt, Charmaine Pappas Donovan



Peter Meinke, Joe Cavanaugh, James Tokley (Hillsborough County Poet Laureate)



Peter Meinke (Florida Poet Laureate & new NFSPS Honorary Chancellor), Jeanne Meinke



Shirley Cavanaugh, Susan Moss, Joe Cavanaugh



Jan Shumliak and nautical music partner



Judith Krum and Doyle Rigdon



Peter Meinke, Janet Watson (short), Natalie Warrick (tall)



Susan Moss, Eleanor Berry, Lucille Morgan Wilson



Minnesota poetry crew



Mara Scrupe, winner of the Stevens Award

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