

PENNSYLVANIA POETRY SOCIETY, INC.
2019 Poetry Competition (67th Annual)

Deadline: January 15, 2019

Cat. #1 – Grand Prize Award

Sponsor: PPS Endowments Fund
Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject **Any significant subject**
Form: Any (**50** line limit)

Cat. #2 – Wilbur Lee Fake, Sr. Memorial Award

Sponsor: Vicky Fake-Weldon
Prizes: \$75, \$50, \$25, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **PA** People, Places, History – the poem or title **must** indicate the Pennsylvania connection
Form: **Ode** (**must** praise, honor, and/or celebrate its subject)

Cat. #3 – Margaret Meagher Memorial Award

Sponsor: Michael Bourgo
Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$15, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Ancestors**
Form: **Free Verse**

Cat. #4 – Leon Geoffrey Memorial Award

Sponsor: Carlisle Poets Workshop
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Humorous**
Form: Any, **28 line limit**

Cat. #5 – E. Jean Kishbaugh Memorial Award

Sponsor: Cadence Crafters
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Environment**
Form: **Rhymed and Metered**

Cat. #6 – Dorothy Ana Barton Memorial Award

Sponsor: Mark Barton
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Nature**
Form: **Free Verse**

Cat. #7 – William A. Hildebrandt Memorial Award

Sponsor: Mad Poets
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Art, Artists, Artistry**
Form: Any

Cat. #8 – Robert K. Stern / Robert C. Heydenberk Memorial Award

Sponsor: The Heydenberk Family
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Sea and Sand** (any theme about lakes, rivers, oceans, and/or the beach)
Form: Any

Cat. #9 – Marjorie Thompson Cheyney Memorial Award

Sponsor: Cadence Crafters
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: Any
Form: **Traditional Sonnet** – must be a well-known and generally recognized sonnet. Poet **must** name the sonnet pattern & follow the pattern requirements precisely.

Cat. #10 – DeAnna Spurlock Honorary Award

Sponsor: Carlisle Poets Workshop
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: Any
Form: **Dramatic Monologue**
(Speaker addresses Other or Others)

Cat. #11 – Christopher Polvinale Memorial Award

Sponsor: Sandra Polvinale
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Our World**
Form: Any

Cat. #12 – Winifred G. McDowell Memorial Award

Sponsor: Linda Darkes
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Memories**
Form: Any

CATEGORIES #13 through #15 - Open only to PPS Members who have paid dues by **November 30, 2018**

Cat. #13 – Andy Fetterolf Memorial Award

Sponsor: Lynn Fetterolf
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Spirituality** – in broad perspective
Form: Any

Cat. #14 – Blanche Whiting Keysner Memorial Award

Sponsor: Keysner Poets
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: **Love poem** with a fresh perspective, no tired cliches, not overly sentimental
Form: Any

Cat. #15 – Carol Roberts Honorary Award

Sponsor: A PPS Friend
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: Any **serious** subject
Form: Any **Rhymed, 16 line limit**

CATEGORY #16 – Open only to PPS Members whose work (1st, 2nd or 3rd Place poems) has not appeared in *Prize Poems* in the past five years (the 2014 through 2018 editions) and have paid dues by **November 30, 2018.**

Cat. #16 – Who's News in Prize Poems Award

Sponsor: A Friend of PPS
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and 7 Honorable Mentions
Subject: Any
Form: Any

GENERAL RULES

Deadline/Mailing: Contest entries may be mailed beginning **October 15, 2018**. Entries must be **postmarked by January 15, 2019**. Entries must be sent by **first class mail** to:

Pennsylvania Poetry Society
Annual Contest c/o Ann Copeland
330 Powell Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601

Qualifications: All poems entered:

- Must be the contestant's original work
- Must not be published in any form, nor under consideration for publication
- Must not be reproduced and distributed in any form, except in workshops
- Must not be entered in any other contest
- May be submitted in only one Category

Entry Limits:

- Up to 5 poems may be submitted in Category #1 (but only one prize per entrant).
- Only one poem may be submitted in each of Categories #2 through #18

Entry Fees: Make checks payable (in U.S. funds) to **Pennsylvania Poetry Society, Inc.** or, **PPS, Inc.**

For PPS Members:

- Category #1: \$2 per poem
- Categories #2 thru #18: \$1 per poem, or a \$10 flat fee if entering more than 10 categories

For non-members of PPS:

- \$3 per poem
- non-PPS members who join before 11/30/18 can pay the PPS member entry fees
- for information about membership, see the PPS web pages at www.nfsps.com/pa/PPS-Membership.html

Entry Format: All poems must be:

- Titled (for non-titled forms, use the form in quotes as your title, example “haiku”)
- Typed in English
- On one side of 8 1/2” x 11” plain white paper

Submit one original and one copy (photocopy is OK):

- Type number and name of Category at the upper left on both copies
- On **one copy only**, at the upper right, type your name, address, email address, and whether you are a PPS member or non-member
- Any comments or writing on the unidentified copy (judge's copy) will disqualify the poem

Enclose a separate cover sheet stating:

- Your name, address, email address, and whether you are a PPS member or non-member
- The number and name of each Category entered
- The title of the poem entered in each Category
- This signed statement: **“This is my original unpublished work.”** A missing statement will disqualify the entries.

Poem length/line width (poems with more lines or longer lines will be disqualified):

• **Category #1:**

Line limit: Poems have a **50 line limit** which, includes title, epigrams, quotes, footnotes, and all lines and spaces between stanzas and text.

Line width: **60 characters per line**, including spaces between words and characters at the end of the line

• **Categories #2 through #18:**

Line limit: Poems have a **36 line limit** unless specified by Category or Form. The 36 line limit includes title, epigrams, quotes, footnotes, and all lines and spaces between stanzas and text.

Line width: **60 characters per line**, including spaces between words and characters at the end of the line

You may enclose:

- A #10 SASE for a winners' list
- A SAS post-card for notification your entries were received

After entry, no poems may be withdrawn, and none will be returned - keep your own copies. Submitted poems will be properly discarded after the PPS Spring Meeting.

PPS Responsibility: PPS is not responsible for any entries arriving late, lost in the mail, or disqualified for failure to follow the rules. Entry fees for disqualified entries will not be refunded.

First Rights and Releases: PPS retains the first rights for publication of prize-winning poems in the PPS PRIZE POEMS book. Only poems that win First, Second, and Third Prizes will be published in the book. Honorable Mention winners will only be listed by name of poet, their poem will not be printed.

Winners: A winners' list will be e-mailed to contestants providing an e-mail address, mailed to contestants providing a SASE, posted on the PPS website, and mailed with the April edition of *Strophes* (NFSPS newsletter) around March 31, 2019.

All winners will be awarded certificates; only the top three (3) winners will receive award checks. Award checks and certificates will not be distributed before the PPS Spring Meeting, and all winners who attend may read their winning poems. Details of the PPS Spring Meeting are announced in the Spring edition of *The Sylvan* (PPS newsletter) and on the PPS website.

Prize Poems Books: The PPS PRIZE POEMS book will be mailed to PPS members, non-member money winners, and judges. Others may purchase copies of the book for \$6 per copy, plus \$2 postage, by contacting:

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