

**Categories #1 through 18:  
Open to ALL contestants**

**#1: The Grand Prize Award**

Prizes: \$100 / \$50 / \$25

Any significant subject

Form: any

50 line limit, 60 characters & spaces per line

Entry fee: \$2 per poem, maximum 5 poems

**Sponsor: Estate of Jean Gray Allen**

**#2: Jack Gillespie Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: free verse

**Sponsor: Ray Fulmer**

**#3: Edna Shoemaker Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: any

**Sponsor: Estate of Henriette Palmer**

**#4: Edna Groff Diehl Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: person or event

Form: narrative

**Sponsor: Amelia Reynolds Long Estate**

**#5: Dale Guhl Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Journeys

Form: any

**Sponsor: PPS, Inc. General Fund**

**#6: H. Edward Cannon Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: music or musician

Form: any

May be Serious or Humorous

**Sponsor: Constance Cannon Crawford**

**#7: Amelia Reynolds Long Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Woman, Her Infinite Variety

Form: any

**Sponsor: PPS, Inc. General Fund**

**#8: Carlisle Poets' Workshop Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: any

**Sponsor: Carlisle Poets' Workshop**

**#9: Louise Clayton Young Mem. Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: light/humorous verse

Form: Limit 16 lines

**Sponsor: Leon Geoffrey**

**#10: Marjorie Thompson Cheyney Mem. Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: Any well-known and generally recognized Traditional Sonnet. You **MUST** name the type of sonnet and follow the rules precisely.

**Sponsor: Cadence Crafters**

**#11: Haiku, Senryu, or Tanka**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: haiku, senryu, or tanka

**Sponsor: PPS, Inc. General Fund**

**#12: Lottie Kent Ruhl Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: "The Spirit of Creativity"

Form: any

**Sponsor: The Ruhl Family**

**#13: Mariah Quant Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: nature

Form: any traditional titled form

**Sponsor: Richard T. Lake**

**#14: Selena Cox Eshleman Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any

Form: light verse, rhymed & metered

**Sponsor: Harry D. Eshleman & siblings**

**#15: Dorman John Grace Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Memories

Form: any

**Sponsor: The Wallace Stevens Chapter**

**#16: The Limerick Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any (fit to print)

Form: limerick (5 lines)

**Sponsor: PPS, Inc. General Fund**

**#17: William A. Hildebrandt Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Art, Artists, Artistry

Form: any

**Sponsor: Mad Poets' Society**

**#18: Gwen Darling Glassberg Mem. Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any (no erotic or blasphemous)

Form: free verse

**Sponsor: Gwen Darling Glassberg  
Memorial Fund**

**NOTE:**

**For Categories #2 through 22:**

Unless otherwise stated, these categories have a limit of 36 lines (including title, epigrams, quotes, footnotes, and spaces between lines) and a width limit of 60 characters per line (including spaces between as characters). Only one poem per category may be entered.

**For ALL Categories:**

ONLY money winning poems will be published in the annual **PRIZE POEMS** book.

**For additional copies of this brochure, send #10 SASE to Contest Chairman (address on reverse).**

**Categories #19 through 22:  
Open to PPS members ONLY**

**# 19: Col. Henry W. Shoemaker  
Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Pennsylvania ~ anything to do with the Commonwealth and her people

Form: any

**Sponsor: Kitty Parsons  
Recchia Estate**

**# 20: Blanche Whiting Keysner  
Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: Love poem with fresh perspective ~ no tired cliches, nothing overly sentimental or trite

Form: any

**Sponsor: Keysner Poets**

**# 21: C. Sterling Clifton Mem. Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: portrait or personality

Form: any

**Sponsor: The Endowments Fund**

**# 22: Lotus Knowlton Roberts  
Memorial Award**

Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10

Subject: any serious subject

Form: Quatrain (4 line limit)

**Sponsor: Carol A. Roberts**

**PPS Members PLEASE NOTE:**

PPS members may enter one poem each in categories #1 through #22 for a flat fee of \$5.00

To enter at member fees, PPS dues **MUST** be paid by **November 30, 2007.**

## CONTEST RULES:

### #1 DEADLINE:

January 15, 2008 (postmark)  
Mail First Class between  
10/15/07 & 1/15/08 to:

**PPS, Inc. Annual Contest**  
**Chairman: Sarah K. Marston**  
**126 Strayer Drive**  
**Carlisle, PA 17013**

### #2 QUALIFICATIONS (all entries):

- (a) Must be the contestant's work
- (b) Must not be published in any form nor reproduced and distributed (workshops excepted).
- (c) Must not be under consideration for publication or in a contest elsewhere.
- (d) May be submitted in ONE category only.
- (e) Only one poem per category, except Grand Prize which has a limit of 5 poems; however, **only one prize per entrant will be awarded in Category #1.**

### #3 FORMAT: (WARNING...poems with more lines or longer lines than specified will be disqualified.)

- (a) Poems **must** be **typed** in **English** and **titled** except for haiku / senryu / tanka entries in Category #11. **ONLY** enter **haiku / senryu / tanka** in **Category #11.**
- (b) Must be typed on one side of 8 1/2" X 11" **white** paper (no erasable bond or onion skin).
- (c) Submit one original and one copy (photocopy o.k.)...**Any comments or writing on the judge's copy will disqualify the poem.**
- (d) Type the Number and Name of Category at **upper left** on **both copies.**
- (e) Type your Name, Address & whether or not you are a PPS, Inc. member on **ONE COPY ONLY** in the upper right corner.

- (f) Enclose a SEPARATE COVER SHEET listing all the poems you are entering. On this sheet, please state:
- 1. Your Name and Address & member or non-member
  - 2. Number & name of all categories entered
  - 3. Title of each poem
  - 4. Name and address of your local newspaper(s) for winners notification.

Enclose a #10 SASE for winners' list and a self-addressed stamped postcard if you want to know your entries were received.

### #4 NO POEMS MAY BE WITHDRAWN AFTER ENTRY AND NONE WILL BE RETURNED

Keep copies. Poems will not be held after PRIZE POEMS book is distributed at the 2008 PPS Spring Luncheon.

### #5 ENTRY FEES:

**For PPS, Inc. Members:** A \$5 entry fee covers one entry each in all categories #1 through #22. Additional entries in Category #1 are \$2 each (maximum of 5 entries total).

**For Non-Members:** \$2 per entry (one entry per category) in categories #1 through #18. Additional entries in Category #1 are \$2 each (maximum of 5 entries total).

**Non-Members may NOT enter Categories #19 through #22.**

**NOTE:** if non-members entry fees exceed \$22, consider joining PPS to take advantage of the reduced members' entry fees plus the additional categories. To join PPS, include a #10 envelope marked "membership" with dues by **November 30, 2007.** PPS dues are \$17 annually.

Make checks payable to **PPS, Inc.**

### #6 FIRST RIGHTS AND RELEASES:

The Society retains the first rights for publication of prize-winning poems in its copyrighted annual, **PPS PRIZE POEMS.**

Poems which win Honorable Mentions and Citations will not be printed in the book but certificates will be awarded and poets who are in attendance at the Spring Luncheon may read their poems that have won Honorable Mentions or Citations.

### #7 WINNERS:

2008 Spring/Summer issue of **PENNS TO PAPER** will give winner's list, but is **not guaranteed in time to send entries to the NFSPS contest.**

**PRIZE POEMS** book will be distributed at the 2008 PPS Spring Awards Luncheon when winning poems will be read by their creators.

No one will receive checks or certificates before the 2008 PPS Spring Awards Luncheon. All winners may attend the Luncheon and read their poems. Time and place to be announced in the 2008 Winter-Spring edition of the **PENNS TO PAPER.**

### #8 JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

For a copy of the judge's comments (if any), non-members **MUST** include a separate #10 SASE with 2 first-class stamps affixed, and clearly marked "**Judge's Comments.**"

PPS members will receive judge's comments with their copy of **PRIZE POEMS.**

### #9 SOCIETY RESPONSIBILITY:

PPS, Inc. is not responsible for any entries lost in the mails or disqualified by non-adherence to the rules.

## PENNSYLVANIA POETRY SOCIETY, INC.

### 2008 Poetry Contest (56th Annual)

**Deadline: January 15, 2008**

**Mail entries between  
Oct. 15, 2007 ~ Jan. 15, 2008**



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The National Federation of  
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PPS, Inc. was founded by  
Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker  
and his sister  
Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff.

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