



MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC.

ANNUAL POETRY CONTESTS
THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL CONTESTS*

Contests are open to all poets. State name of contest on envelope. Entry Fee: **\$3.00/poem** (except for NPD Contest*), payable to M.S.P.S. Only US Money order check or US currency is accepted – **No Foreign Country check or currency.** If M.S.P.S. is fined for checks that are cancelled due to insufficient funds, the poet must **reimburse M.S.P.S.** Poems that had won a prize are disqualified and any award money must be **returned to M.S.P.S.** Poets may enter as many poems as they wish but only one prize may be won by any poet. Poems must be typed. Send 2 copies of each entry, one with no I.D. (for the judge) and one with **name, address, email address or tel. #.** **For a Winners' List,** go to www.mastatepoetrysociety.tripod.com, or enclose a **SASE** (self-addressed **stamped** envelope). For questions, email the Contest Chair at: robette02@yahoo.com
Mail checks and entries to: M.S.P.S. Contest Chair, Roberta Hung 22 Salisbury Rd., Wakefield, MA 01880
M.S.P.S. reserves the right to cancel a contest for any reason, in which case, poems will be destroyed, unless the poet promptly requests by email or phone that the entries be submitted to another M.S.P.S. Annual Poetry Contest.

OF THEE I SING CONTEST

Deadline: **February 15**

Subject: Praise of Someone - Someplace - Something (human - vegetable - animal - mineral - flora, etc.)

Form: Poet's Choice

Line Limit: 40 Lines

Prizes: \$50 \$25 \$10

Poems must **NOT** have won **ANY** prize, **NOR** been previously **published**.

THE GERTRUDE DOLE MEMORIAL AWARD

Deadline: **April 15**

Subject and Form: Poet's Choice

Line Limit: 40 Lines

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10

Poems must **NOT** have won **ANY** prize, **NOR** been previously **published**.

NAOMI CHERKOFSKY MEMORIAL CONTEST

Deadline: June 30

Subject and Form: Poet's Choice

Line Limit: 40 Lines

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20

Poems must **NOT** have won **ANY** prize, **NOR** been previously **published**.

ANNUAL POET'S CHOICE CONTEST

Deadline: November 1

Subject and Form: Poet's Choice

Line Limit: 40 Lines

Prizes: \$50 \$25 \$15

Poems must **NOT** have won **ANY** prize, **NOR** been previously **published**.

ARTHUR (SKIP) POTTER MEMORIAL CONTEST

Deadline: December 15

Subject and Form: Poet's Choice

Line Limit: 40 Lines

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20

Poems must **NOT** have won **ANY** prize, but **MAY** have been previously published.

***NATIONAL POETRY DAY CONTEST**

Deadline: August 1 *Single Entry Fee for **entire** contest: **\$15 non-members (\$10 M.S.P.S. for Members.)**

For Subject, Form & Prizes of the 25 Categories, see brochure OR go to: nfps.com under State Contests, Massachusetts.

2024

NATIONAL POETRY DAY CONTEST

RULES

- DEADLINE:** August 1, 2024. Entries must be mailed via USPS, postmarked by Aug. 1, 2024.
- ENTRY FEE:** Single fee for the entire contest –
\$15 for NON-MEMBERS
\$10 for M.S.P.S. MEMBERS
CHECK PAYABLE TO M.S.P.S., INC.
- Poems submitted must:
 - Be the poet's **original** work.
 - Be **unpublished** and **not entered** currently in any other contest.
 - Have **not** won a prize in **any** contest.
 - Be **typed** (minimum font **12 pt.**) on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper, portrait orientation.
 - Be titled (except haiku).
 - Not have illustrations
- Only **ONE** poem may be entered in each category.
- NO** poem may be entered in more than one category.
- No poem will be returned.
- Prize money received for disqualified poems must be returned.**
- Only one prize for each contest entered.
 - Only 3 prizes per categories. No HMs no ties.
- M.S.P.S. will **cancel** any category with **less than 6 entries**, and the sponsor will be notified.
- Prepare original and copy as follows:
ON BOTH COPIES: Put contest number and contest name in upper **LEFT-HAND** corner.
ON DUPLICATE ONLY: Put poet's name, street & email address, telephone # in upper **RIGHT-HAND** corner.

MAIL ALL ENTRIES, COPIES & FEE in 1 packet to:

Massachusetts State Poetry Society, Inc.
Roberta Hung, Contest Chair
22 Salisbury Rd.
Wakefield, MA 01880

Entries that do not follow the above RULES & FORMAT will be disqualified. For a Winners' list, enclose a **SASE** (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope).

Good Luck in Winning Awards

CATEGORIES

1. LOUISE BOGAN AWARD

SUBJECT: Love Relationships
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$50 \$30 \$20
SPONSOR: Louise Bogan Poets

2. OUT OF THE DARKNESS AWARD

SUBJECT: Mental Illness
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$45 \$30 \$15
SPONSOR: Susan Piccole

3. AMY L. DENGLER MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Your Most Memorable Airbourne Experience (any kind – plane, glider, blimp, copter, Ferris wheel, hot air balloon, sky diving...)
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 12-33 Lines
PRIZES: \$50 \$20 \$10
SPONSOR: Amy Dengler Memorial Fund

4. JEAN TUPPER AWARD

SUBJECT: Have We Been Here Before?
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$30 \$25 \$20
SPONSOR: Jean Tupper

5. LEE MAES MEMORIAL AWARD #1

SUBJECT: History
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$30 \$20 \$10
SPONSOR: Lee Maes Memorial Fund*

6. LEE MAES MEMORIAL AWARD #2

SUBJECT: Education
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$30 \$20 \$10
SPONSOR: Lee Maes Memorial Fund*

7. THE PATRIOT AWARD

SUBJECT: Patriotism
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$25 \$15 \$10
SPONSOR: Tanya Whitney

8. THE GRANDS AWARD

SUBJECT: Grandchildren or Grandparents
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$25 \$15 \$10
SPONSOR: Emory D. Jones

9. MARY MICELI AWARD

SUBJECT: Success
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$12 \$8
SPONSOR: Mary Miceli

10. HOLDEN KENNEALLY AWARD

SUBJECT: Grandparents
FORM: Meter & Rhyme
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Alan Friot Memorial Fund

11. L. JOSEPHINE MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Teachers
FORM: Meter & Rhyme
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Alan Friot Memorial Fund

12. LOUISE SULLIVAN MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Siblings
FORM: Meter & Rhyme
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Alan Friot Memorial Fund

13. DENNIS JAMES DEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: The Healing Power of Prayer
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Gail Devine Mower

14. DANA BRUCE MOWER MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: A Father's Hands
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$20 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Gail Devine Mower

15. TOM MCDONALD AWARD #1

SUBJECT: A Magical Journey to an Enchanted Place
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Tom McDonald

16. TOM MCDONALD AWARD #2

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Tom McDonald

17. RAY WHITTIER AWARD

SUBJECT: Holidays or Seasons
FORM: Rhyming Preferred, but not required
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Tom McDonald

18. CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SUBJECT: A Gift
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Beverley Barnes

19. JAMES L. BARNES MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: A Thrill
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Beverley Barnes

20. SANDSTAR AWARD

SUBJECT: Special People (NOT celebrities)
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: P.J. Roberts Memorial Fund

21. JIMMY CAOLA MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Ocean Happiness
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 25 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Paula Sweeney Kowszik

22. ROSE GRASSO MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
FORM: Metaphor
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Renee Pike

23. NORTH SHORE POETS FORUM AWARD

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: North Shore Poets Forum Fund

24. ROBERTA HUNG AWARD

SUBJECT: Enough
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 30 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Roberta Hung

25. MADELINE ELIZABETH DEVEAU MEMORIAL AWARD

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
FORM: Poet's Choice
LINE LIMIT: 40 Lines
PRIZES: \$15 \$10 \$5
SPONSOR: Jeanette C. Maes

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