



# POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

Founded February 5, 1931

Member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

<http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org>

## 2016 Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contest Winners Sponsored by Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) October 2016

PRA sponsored Best-of-Show winners and provided prizes indicated below for the 2016 Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contests in four age categories. Only the top 3 winners in each contest are listed, though youth categories receive State Fair ribbons through 10<sup>th</sup> place. PRA submitted press releases on all Best-of-Show winners to their home town newspapers, schools and the statewide Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Winners also received State Fair ribbons and prizes, as described in the Fair handbook for each age group.

### **ADULT – Ages 19+ (49 Entries)**

#### 01-Nature –

- 1<sup>st</sup> & ***Best-of-Show*** - #374 – “With The Trees” by Cathy Moran of Little Rock  
(*Adult Best-of-Show winner received \$25 and free 1-yr PRA membership.*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #3374 – “Nature Concert” – Kathy Vernich of Alexander
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2097 – “View of a Summer Day” – Sara Gipson of Scott

#### 02-Life on the Farm -

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #3375 – “Farm Life” by Kathy Vernich of Alexander
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2449 – “The Agrarian Life” by Marilyn Joyner of El Dorado
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #371 – “Out To Pasture” by Dennis Patton of Alexander

#### 03-Day at the Fair –

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #2004 – “Arkansas State Fair – the Amazement” by Laura Loughridge of North Little Rock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2099 – “A Fair Day” by Sara Gipson of Scott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #372 – “The First Time at Age Nine” by Dennis Patton of Alexander

#### 04-Wild Card –

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #2450 – “Ah, Retirement” by Marilyn Joyner of El Dorado
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #375 – “Traces of Memory” by Catherine Moran of Little Rock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2100 – “Perched Eagle” by Sara Gipson of Scott

### **SENIOR YOUTH – Ages 14-18 (12 Entries)**

#### 01-Nature – No Entries

#### 02-Life on the Farm – 1 Entry

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #4064 – “Laughing at the Past” by Julia Mcpeake of Benton

#### 03-Day at the Fair – No Entries

#### 04-Wild Card –

- 1<sup>st</sup> & ***Best of Show*** - #2819 – “Meaningful Love” by Shane Cramer of Alexander (age 17)  
(*Senior Youth Best-of-Show winner received \$25 and PRA certificate.*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #1030 – “No!” by Isabel Crawford of Little Rock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #4425 – “I Wish I Could Forget You” by Christian Maddox of Jacksonville

## **JUNIOR YOUTH – Ages 9-13 (28 Entries)**

### 01-Nature –

- 1<sup>st</sup> & **Best of Show** - #3254 – “Grove” by Brooke Elliott of Austin (age 13)  
*(Junior Youth Best-of-Show winner received \$15 and PRA certificate.)*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2547 – “The Shadowmen” by Mckenna Taylor of Arkadelphia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #857 – “Nature” by Alahnie Ford of Mablevale

### 02-Life on the Farm – 1 Entry

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #851 - “Farm Girl” – Parris Attens of Mablevale

### 03-Day at the Fair –

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #856 – “The Fair” – Janisha Curenton of Mablevale
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #871 – “Today I Went to the Fair” – Diamond Stevenson of Mablevale
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #854 – “State Fair” – Tarion Cranford of Mablevale

### 04-Wild Card –

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #3340 – “Papa Snoring” by Emily Null of Hot Springs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #4005 – “I Am Somebody” by Amaria Baker of Mablevale
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2548 – “The Monster Under My Bed” by Mckenna Taylor of Arkadelphia

## **YOUTH – Ages 5-8 (4 Entries)**

### 01-Nature – 1 Entry

- 1<sup>st</sup> & **Best of Show** - #364 - “Spring” by Joe Boone of Searcy (age 8)  
*(Youth Best-of-Show winner received \$10 and PRA certificate.)*

### 02-Life on the Farm – No Entries

### 03-Day at the Fair – No Entries

### 04-Wild Card –

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #365 – “Storms” by Joe Boone of Searcy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #3863 – “Shark” by Jeremiah Dillard of Little Rock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #3742 – Untitled/Drawing by Karma Smith of Wynne

Poets’ Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is the oldest, non-profit poetry organization in the state. PRA was established in 1931 to encourage the art of poetry and poets in Arkansas. Members are from all around Arkansas and some neighboring states. Past and present Arkansas Poet Laureates have been PRA members. PRA is an affiliate of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). Arkansas’s own Jim Barton of Huttig currently serves as NFSPS President. PRA and NFSPS sponsor educational poetry conferences and contests throughout the year for all age groups. For more information on PRA (and link to NFSPS.com) see PRA’s website: <http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org>.