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Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is pleased to announce the four Best-of-Show Poetry Winners at the 2016 Arkansas State Fair.

In the Youth category (ages 5-8) the winner was Joe Boone of Searcy for his poem "Spring." Joe is pictured in the attachment with his Best-of-Show ribbon. He is 8 years old and a third grader at Westside Elementary School in Searcy. He enjoys Starwars, Pokemon, American Ninja Warrior, tennis, playing outside and playing with friends. He also won first prize in the fair's Youth category for his poem "Storms."

The Junior Youth category (ages 9-13) winner was Brooke Elliott of Austin for her poem "Grove." Brooke is 13 years old.

The Senior Youth (age 14-18) winner was Shane Cramer of Alexander with his poem "Meaningful Love." Shane is 17 years old.

And the winner for the Adult category (age 19+), was Cathy Moran of Little Rock for her poem "With the Trees."

In addition to the State Fair ribbons and prizes, these 4 winners received prizes and certificates from PRA as sponsor, plus press releases to their home town newspapers. The Adult winner also received a free 1-year membership to PRA. Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contest winners in all categories will be posted on the PRA webpage.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these Best-of-Show Poetry winners.

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 the state, including past and present Arkansas Poet Laureates. Poets are encouraged to contact any branch President with questions or visit a meeting. PRA is an affiliate of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). Arkansas's own Jim Barton of Huttig is currently serving as President of NFSPS. PRA and NFSPS sponsor educational poetry conferences and contests throughout the year for all age groups. **For more information see <http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org> and like us on Facebook. Or contact PRA President Dennis Patton of Alexander at patton_dr@hotmail.com.**