



## POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

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### 2017 Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contest Winners Sponsored by Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) October 2017

PRA sponsored Best-of-Show winners and provided prizes indicated below for the 2017 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 will submit press releases on all Best-of-Show winners to their home town newspapers, schools and the statewide Arkansas Democrat Gazette newspaper. Winners also will receive State Fair ribbons and monetary prizes after the fair, as described in the Fair handbook for each age group.

#### **ADULT DIVISION 167 – Ages 19+ (43 Entries)**

##### 01-Nature – (13 Entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #833 – “My Mountain” by Cathy Moran of Little Rock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2910 – “Natural State Seasons” by Gary Rodgers of Pangburn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2666 – “A Sad Treasure” by Dennis Patton of Alexander

##### 02-Life on the Farm – (7 Entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #4508 – “Farm Awakening” by Margaret Critz of Little Rock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2969 – “My Life on the Farm” by Kathleen Helmer of Jacksonville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #834 – “Farming the Soil” by Cathy Moran of Little Rock

##### 03-Day at the Fair – (5 Entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #2970 – “My Day at the Fair” by Kathleen Helmer of Jacksonville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2911 – “Fair Day” by Gary Rodgers of Pangburn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2942 – “Fair Day” by Kim Vernon of Pangburn

##### 04-Wild Card – (18 Entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> & **Best-of-Show** - #2343 – “Kites” by John McPherson of Searcy  
(Adult Best-of-Show winner receives \$25 and free 1-year PRA membership.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #124 – “Alzheimer’s . . . Never heard of it” by Colby Wells of Paris
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #2975 – “They were brave” by Laura Loughridge of North Little Rock

### **SENIOR YOUTH DIVISION 267 – Ages 14-18 (8 Entries)**

01-Nature - (1 Entry)

1<sup>st</sup> - #4297 – “The Sapling and the Oak” by Julia McPeake of Benton

02-Life on the Farm - (1 Entry)

1<sup>st</sup> - #4298 – “Time’s Pace” by Julia McPeake of Benton

03-Day at the Fair - (No Entries)

04-Wild Card - (6 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> & **Best of Show** - #3827 – “Desirable” by Grace Rew of North Little Rock  
*(Senior Youth Best-of-Show winner receives \$25 and PRA certificate.)*

2<sup>nd</sup> - #96 – “Thunderstorm” by Christian Maddox of Jacksonville

3<sup>rd</sup> - #3322 – “I’m Going to Make It” by Antonio Perry of Little Rock

### **JUNIOR YOUTH DIVISION 367 – Ages 9-13 (9 Entries)**

01-Nature – (1 Entry)

1<sup>st</sup> - #699 – “Nature” by Bradleigh Profit of Mablevale

02-Life on the Farm – (No Entries)

03-Day at the Fair – (2 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> - #692 – “Fun in the Sun” by Katriana Harrison of Mablevale

2<sup>nd</sup> - #689 – “My Day at the Fair” by Cali Exson of Mablevale

04-Wild Card – (6 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> & **Best of Show** - #3798 – “What Fall Changes” by Carlee Nguyen of Wynne  
*(Junior Youth Best-of-Show winner receives \$15 and PRA certificate.)*

2<sup>nd</sup> - #691 – “God’s World” by Tamera Harris of Mabelvale

3<sup>rd</sup> - #701 – “Trouble Puppet Clown” by Kyla Smith of Mabelvale

### **YOUTH DIVISION 461 – Ages 5-8 (No Entries)**

*(Youth Best-of-Show winner receives \$10 and PRA certificate.)*

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>.