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Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

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Encouraging poets and poetry in Arkansas since 1931

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Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) announced the winners of its 2018 statewide Sybil Nash Abrams Memorial Student Poetry Contest on April 14th at its annual Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration in Little Rock, Arkansas. Student winners read their poems at the event and received a prize check from the Contest Co-Chair Laura Loughridge.

2018 Sybil Nash Abrams Student Contest Winners are:

Junior Division (Grades 6-8) --

1st Place Winner of \$30 -- Evie Kinsey, Benton, AR -- "If I could say one thing, it would probably be"

2nd Place Winner of \$15 -- Beth Freudensprung, Benton, AR -- "Dewdrop"

3rd Place Winner of \$10 -- Jacob McGinness, Little Rock, AR -- "Waves"

1st Honorable Mention -- McKenzie Young, Sherwood, AR -- "Insanity"

2nd Honorable Mention -- Naomi Morris, Benton, AR -- "Longing for knowing of happiness unknown"

3rd Honorable Mention -- Millie Allgood, Little Rock, AR -- "If only you knew"

Senior Division (Grades 9-12) --

1st Place Winner of \$50 -- Annie Knight, Little Rock, AR -- "A Mother's Arms"

2nd Place Winner of \$30 -- Raehana Anwar, North Little Rock, AR -- "i am six"

3rd Place Winner of \$20 -- Stephanie Verdaris, Little Rock, AR -- "Texas and Arkansas"

1st Honorable Mention -- Hannah Brockette, Little Rock, AR -- "Lake Days"

2nd Honorable Mention -- Grace Cassie, Little Rock, AR -- "Love Letter"

3rd Honorable Mention -- Grace Rew, North Little Rock, AR -- "Desirable"

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas is the oldest, non-profit poetry organization in the state, established in 1931 to encourage the art of poetry. Members are from all around the state, including past and present Arkansas Poet Laureates. Poets are encouraged to contact any PRA Branch President and visit a meeting. PRA is affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS), and PRA's Jim Barton of Huttig, Arkansas is the current NFSPS President. PRA and NFSPS sponsor educational poetry conferences and contests throughout the year for all ages. For more information see the website listed above and like us on Facebook. Or contact PRA President Dennis Patton (patton_dr@hotmail.com) or PRA's Sybil Nash Abrams Memorial Contest Co-Chair Laura Loughridge (llough3@gmail.com).