



POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

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2018 Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contest Winners Sponsored by Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) October 2018

PRA sponsored Best-of-Show winners and provided prizes indicated below for the 2018 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 10th 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+ (30 Entries)

01-Nature – (8 Entries)

- 1st - #1337 – “Pieta” by Cathy Moran of Little Rock
- 2nd - #1333 – “The Tall Ones” by John McPherson of Searcy
- 3rd - #2534 – “Farmer” by Dennis Patton of Alexander

02-Life on the Farm – (5 Entries)

- 1st - #1705 – “Fleeting Childhood” by Elizabeth Rose of Norfolk
- 2nd - #1326 – “A Farmer’s Day” by Sara Gipson of Scott
- 3rd - #2535 – “Country August Days” by Dennis Patton of Alexander

03-Day at the Fair – (5 Entries)

- 1st - #2536 – “Ribbon” by Dennis Patton of Alexander
- 2nd - #1338 – “Fair memories” by Cathy Moran of Little Rock
- 3rd - #1327 – “County Fair Conquest” by Sara Gipson of Scott

04-Wild Card – (12 Entries)

- 1st & **Best-of-Show** - #2090 – “Whimsical Dreams” by Donna Hensley Nelson of Kensett
(*Adult Best-of-Show winner receives \$25 and free 1-year PRA membership.*)
- 2nd - #114 – “Never Have to Know” by Tim Hurtt of Salem
- 3rd - #2855 – “An Image of Grandad” by Susan Brewster of Wilburn

SENIOR YOUTH DIVISION 267 – Ages 14-18 (3 Entries)

01-Nature - (1 Entry)

1st & **Best of Show** – #3151 - “To Buffalo River” by Grace Milner of Hot Springs
(Senior Youth Best-of-Show winner receives \$25 and PRA certificate.)

02-Life on the Farm - (No Entries)

03-Day at the Fair - (No Entries)

04-Wild Card - (2 Entries)

1st - #1061 – “The Sounds Around Me” by Carlee Nguyen of Wynne

2nd - #662 – “I Will Follow” by Alyssa Howard of Mena

JUNIOR YOUTH DIVISION 367 – Ages 9-13 (8 Entries)

01-Nature – (No Entries)

02-Life on the Farm – (1 Entry)

1st & **Best of Show** - #3332 – “A Shepherd Girl” by Kiersten Priddy of Nashville
(Junior Youth Best-of-Show winner receives \$15 and PRA certificate.)

03-Day at the Fair – (1 Entry)

1st - #1336 – “A Day at the Fair” by Joe Boone of Searcy

04-Wild Card – (6 Entries)

1st - #1335 – “Would My Teacher Believe?” by Joe Boone of Searcy

2nd - #1777 – “Life’s Walking Path” by Jaclyn Nelson of Little Rock

3rd - #1780 – “Her” by Adrian Chin of Little Rock

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). 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>.