

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES 2020 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS

1. NFSPS FOUNDERS AWARD [to honor Mary B. Wall] (352 entries) Judge: Jared Smith

1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL
"The Secret Language of Ideas"

2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Out of Ireland"

3rd Place: Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO
"Harlem Renaissance 1957"

1st HM: Constance Snyder, East Thetford, VT

2nd HM: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

3rd HM: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

4th HM: Jin Cordaro, Jackson, NJ

5th HM: Elaine Zimmermann, Hamden, CT

6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

2. WINNERS' CIRCLE AWARD

(194 entries) Judge: Jeremy Downes

1st Place: M. E. Hope, O'Fallon, IL
"Understory"

2nd Place: Libby Casey Irwin, Woodbury, MN
"Upon Looking at a Photograph I See What Gifts Children and Stars Are"

3rd Place: Maggie Kennedy, Brookfield, IL
"Child's Body Found in Park Lagoon"

1st HM: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

2nd HM: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

3rd HM: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

4th HM: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

5th HM: Libby Jones, Berea, KY

6th HM: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

7th HM: Omair Hasan, Toledo, OH

3. THE NFSPS BOARD AWARD

(65 entries) Judge: Steven Concert

1st Place: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX
"Flotsam and Jetsam"

2nd Place: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL
"She Was My Hero"

3rd Place: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
Father's Funeral"

1st HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

2nd HM: Janet Qually, Memphis, TN

3rd HM: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

4th HM: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

5th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6th HM: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN

7th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

4. THE MARGO AWARD

(94 entries) Judge: Barbara Funke

1st Place: Charles Southerland, Viola, AR
"The Librarian Wolves Reintroduced Into the Wild"

2nd Place: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
"Lone Wolf"

3rd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
"Mother Warned Me"

1st HM: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

2nd HM: Janet McCann, College Station, TX

3rd HM: Claudia Van Gerven, Boulder, CO

4th HM: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ont. Canada

5th HM: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX

6th HM: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

7th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

***5. DONALD STODGHILL MEMORIAL AWARD (117 entries)** Judge: Julie Cummings

1st Place: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN
"Beseeching the Raven"

2nd Place: Fay B. Wise, Benton, AR
"A Note from the Ghost of Edgar Allen Poe"

3rd Place: Barbara Ford, Poncha Springs, CO
"Fugitive Colors"

1st HM: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

2nd HM: Barbara Banks, Garland, TX

3rd HM: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

4th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

5th HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

6th HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

7th HM: Peter Gordon, Orlando, FL

***6. GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD**

(*Members only) (91 entries) Judge: Jessica Temple

1st Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO
"Summer, Newborn, Georgia"

2nd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL
"The Conch Republic"

3rd Place: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
"Gulf Oysters are Dying"

1st HM: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL

2nd HM: Carol Thompson, Tyler, TX

3rd HM: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

4th HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

5th HM: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

6th HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

7th HM: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

7. STONE GATHERING AWARD

(141 entries) Judge: Pat Durmon

1st Place: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM
"The Life You Save"

2nd Place: Lori Ann Goetz, Germantown, TN
"Leaden"

3rd Place: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
"Every Scar of Us"

1st HM: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH

2nd HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

3rd HM: Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX

4th HM: Ed Brekke-Krammer, Fairmont, MN

5th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

6th HM: M. E. Hope, O'Fallon, IL

7th HM: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

***8. POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS AWARD**

(*Members only) (177 entries) Judge: Jesse L. Robbins

1st Place: Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL
"The Night of the Old Iguana"

2nd Place: Alison Chisolm, Southport, UK
"Fairytale"

3rd Place: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
"Autumn Chill"

1st HM: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

2nd HM: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

3rd HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

4th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

5th HM: Peter Gordon, Orlando, FL

6th HM: Julie Johnson, Norwalk, IA

7th HM: B. F. McCune, Denver, CO

9. JIM BARTON, BARD OF THE PINES AWARD

(39 entries) Judge: Florence Bruce

1st Place: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH
"I'd Rather Have a Meadow"

2nd Place: V. Kendall Barney, Kaysville, UT
"Never-Changing Hills"

3rd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
"What I Wish For"

1st HM: Elizabeth Shack, Savoy, IL

2nd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

3rd HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

4th HM: Marc Davidson, Daytona Beach, FL

5th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6th HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

7th HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

***10. AL LASTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

(Members only) (146 entries) Judge: Jerold Narland

1st Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK
"Fantine's Despair"

2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
"Geometry"

2nd Place: Karen Mastracchio, Spring, TX
"from Sorrows of the King (Matisse)"

1st HM: Michael Escoubas, Bloomington, IL

2nd HM: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

3rd HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

4th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

5th HM: Christain Shute, Cheyenne, WY

6th HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

7th HM: Barbara Ford, Poncha Springs, CO

***11. JIM BARTON MEMORIAL AWARD**

(*Members Only) (171 entries) Judge: Julie Allyn Johnson

1st Place: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
"Eden and After"

2nd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
"Ending It"

3rd Place: Charles Salmons, Pickerington, OH

"My Father Cursed"

1st HM: Rebecca L. Bailey, Grangeville, ID

2nd HM: Pam Whitfield, Rochester, MN

3rd HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

4th HM: Omair Hasan, Toledo, OH

5th HM: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

6th HM: Alison Chisolm, Southport, UK

7th HM: Ravitte Kentwartz, Louisville, CO

***12. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD (Members only) (151 entries)**

Judge: Nancy Susanna Breen

1st Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
"Pink Squirrel"

2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
"Fallingwater"

3rd Place: Faye Adams, Cherokee Village, AR
"A Hole in the Sky"

1st HM: Peter Stein, Minneapolis, MN

2nd HM: Jean Bell, Evergreen, CO

3rd HM: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

4th HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

5th HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

6th HM: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

7th HM: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

13. LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AWARD

(125 entries) Judge: Anthony Fusco

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"One Journey on the Railroad"

2nd Place: Charles K. Firmage, Eagle Pass, TX
"Listening for Trains"

3rd Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO
"Bipolars and Borderlines"

1st HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

2nd HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

3rd HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

4th HM: Windy Visser, Cambridge, Ont. Canada

5th HM: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

6th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

7th HM: Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

14. POWER OF WOMEN AWARD

(146 entries) Judge: Polly Opsahl

1st Place: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR
"Draft Field Guide for the American Girl"

2nd Place: Ciela Reed, Athens, GA
"Women's Hands: A Primer"

3rd Place: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN
"Sexual Syntax"

1st HM: Alliyah Greaver, Yankton, SD

2nd HM: Robert E. Blenham, Daytona Beach, FL

3rd HM: Jeanette Willert, Pell City, AL

4th HM: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

5th HM: Rikki Santer, Columbus, OH

6th HM: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL

7th HM: Tina Vorreyer, Westmont, IL

**15. THE VIRGINIA CORRIE-COZART
MEMORIAL AWARD**

(68 entries) Judge: Ann Gasser

1st Place: Crystal Barker, Los Angeles, CA
"105 Pounds of Fierce"

2nd Place: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL
"Wild One"

3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN
"What Should Have Been In The Obituary"

1st HM: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

2nd HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

3rd HM: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4th HM: Susan Randall, Orem, UT

5th HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6th HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

7th HM: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

16. ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

AWARD (156 entries) Judge: Donna Salli

1st Place: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH
"Shovel Song"

2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI
"Respiration"

3rd Place: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN
"Prediction for Tomorrow"

1st HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

2nd HM: Jonathan Bennett, Lakeland, TN

3rd HM: Janet McCann, College Station, TX

4th HM: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

5th HM: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

6th HM: Llewellyn McKernan, New Smyrna Beach, FL

7th HM: Roger Singer, Old Lyme, CT

***17. MILDRED VORPAHL BAASS
REMEMBERANCE AWARD**

(Members Only) (97 entries) Judge: Carolyn Files

1st Place: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
"I Won't Tell You About the Cat"

2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT
"To The Manner Born"

3rd Place: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA
"C Is For Chloe, The Care Giving Cat"

1st HM: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

2nd HM: Sheila Murphy, Portland, CT

3rd HM: Doris Jones, Madison, MS

4th HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

5th HM: Lisa Baldwin, Grand Pass, OR

6th HM: Terrie Jacks, Ballwin, MO

7th HM: Charles K. Firmage, Eagle Pass, TX

18. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS AWARD

(203 entries) Judge: Jeanette Willert

1st Place: Carmel Morse, Lima, OH
"Ghost Insomniacs"

2nd Place: Susan Campbell, Mansfield, TX
"The Pigeons of Paris: The Fire"

3rd Place: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX
"A Long Ride"

1st HM: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR

2nd HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

3rd HM: Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

4th HM: Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT

5th HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

6th HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

7th HM: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

19. JESSICA C. SAUNDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

(86 entries) Judge: Emily Strauss

1st Place: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
"Word Song"

2nd Place: Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT
"PTSD"

3rd Place: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK
"Remembering the First One Dead"

1st HM: Mimi Jennings, Saint Paul, MN

2nd HM: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

3rd HM: Anne Pierre Spangler, Lebanon, PA

4th HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

5th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

6th HM: Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

7th HM: Doris Dembosky, Penrose, CO

20. POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA AWARD

(94 entries) Judge: Lori Goetz

1st Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
"We Knew Them as Boys"

2nd Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL
"Enduring Freedom"

3rd Place: Beth Honeycutt, Denton, TX
"One Smoke From a Wheelchair"

1st HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

2nd HM: Tonya R. Whitney, Sorrento, LA

3rd HM: Shelly Jones, Johnson, IA

4th HM: Linda Treat, Blue Springs, MS

5th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

6th HM: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

7th HM: Richard P. Hurler, Tyler, TX

21. NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

(101 entries) Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates

1st Place: Curt Vevang, Palatine, IL
"As The World Trembles"

2nd Place: Elaine Person, Orlando, FL
"Senior Citizen's Online Dating Profile"

3rd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
"Dust Bunnies"

1st HM: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood UT

2nd HM: Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

3rd HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

4th HM: Suzanne Austin-Hill, Ruskin, FL

5th HM: Brenda Wildrick, Ft. Morgan, CO

6th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

7th HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

22.) WILLIAM STAFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD

(177 entries) Judge: Susan Glassmeyer

1st Place: Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS

"Blank Frame"

2nd Place: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

"Reading James Wright"

3rd Place: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ

"I Hear You"

1st HM: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

2nd HM: Charles Salmons, Pickerington, OH

3rd HM: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

4th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

5th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

6th HM: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

7th HM: Maxine Carlson, Iowa City, IA

23. THE NEW YORK POETRY FORUM AWARD

(166 entries) Judge: William "Bucky" Ignatius

1st Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

"Survival"

2nd Place: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ont. Canada

"The Stringed Instrument of Words"

3rd Place: Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

"Paper Flowers"

1st HM: Carmel Morse, Lima, OH

2nd HM: Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR

3rd HM: Sara Gipson, Scott, AZ

4th HM: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

5th HM: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

6th HM: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

7th HM: Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM

***24. COLUMBINE POETS OF COLORADO**

AWARD (*Members only) (157 entries)

Judge: Alina Stefanescu

1st Place: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

"Currency"

2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

"April"

3rd Place: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

"Any Month"

1st HM: Susan Campbell, Mansfield, TX

2nd HM: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL

3rd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

4th HM: Laura Hansen, Little Falls, MN

5th HM: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

6th HM: Carolyn Evans Campbell Evergreen, CO

7th HM: Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

25. MORTON D. PROUTY & ELSIE S. PROUTY

MEMORIAL AWARD (175 entries)

Judge: William "Bill" Reyer

1st Place: Pegi Deitz Shea, Rockville, CT

"Charlotte's Egg Sac"

2nd Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

"Quite Wisdom"

3rd Place: Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL

"A Tanglewood Tale"

1st HM: Carie Juettner, Austin, TX

2nd HM: Doris Dembosky, Penrose, CO

3rd HM: Henry Panowitsch, Mankato, MN

4th HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

5th HM: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

6th HM: Maurice G. Lyons, Mansfield, OH

7th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

26. TRADITIONAL HAIKU AWARD

(160 entries) Judge: Art Elser

1st Place: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

"Pure science slipped through"

2nd Place: Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

"Sun through Mason jars"

3rd Place: Janice L. Freytag, Sounderton, PA

"red clay canyon walls"

1st HM: Ana Reisens, Barcelona, Spain

2nd HM: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

3rd HM: Gearldine Felt, Layton, UT

4th HM: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

5th HM: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

6th HM: Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR

7th HM: NOT AWARDED

27. LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

AWARD (161 entries) Judge: Joe Cavanaugh

1st Place: Florene Flatt, Lubbock, TX

"The Wall"

2nd Place: Lauren McDaniel Carbondale, IL

"Juggling on the Amite, LA"

3rd Place: Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY

"Absolom"

1st HM: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

2nd HM: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

3rd HM: Jeanette Willert, Pell City, AL

4th HM: Karen Call, Aurora, CO

5th HM: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

6th HM: Nancy Simmonds, Ft. Wayne, IN

7th HM: Crystal Barker, Los Angeles, CA

***28. EVELYN CORRY APPELBEE AWARD**

(Members only) (159 entries) Judge: Dawn Terpstra

1st Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

"When I think about you..."

2nd Place: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT

"Every Word has a Vowel"

3rd Place: Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

"Concave"

1st HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

2nd HM: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

3rd HM: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

4th HM: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

5th HM: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7th HM: Llewellyn McKernan, New Smyrna Beach, FL

29. UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

(129 entries) Judge: Barbara Blanks

1st Place: Carolyn Evans Campbell, Evergreen, CO
"Eve Steps Out"

2nd Place: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
"Cavern Where the Heart Should Be"

3rd Place: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT
"Lineage of Laments"

1st HM: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

2nd HM: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA

3rd HM: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

4th HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

5th HM: Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN

6th HM: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL

7th HM: Tommy Little, Brandon, MS

30. CSPS JAMES E MACWHINNEY MEMORIAL AWARD (59 entries)

Judge: Anita Jepson-Gilbert

1st Place: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX
"Writing on Rocks"

2nd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
In Defense of Earth"

3rd Place: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Three White Moons"

1st HM: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

2nd HM: Christie Cook, Sandy, UT

3rd HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy

4th HM: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

5th HM: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

6th HM: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

7th HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

31. ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

(127 entries) Judge: Alan Perry

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Estate Sale Biography"

2nd Place: Laura Mahal, Ft. Collins, CO
"No One in Particular"

3rd Place: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX
"After Reading a Good Book"

1st HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

2nd HM: Peter Stein, Minneapolis, MN

3rd HM: Omair Hasan, Toledo, OH

4th HM: Janice Hoffman, Williamsburg, VA

5th HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6th HM: Doris Jones, Madison, MS

7th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

32. THE ROBBIE AWARD AWARD

(110 entries) Judge: Karen Kay Bailey

1st Place: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR
"Dressing the Boy"

2nd Place: Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT
"March 17, 1975"

3rd Place: Judith Feenstra, Maple, MN
"Shepherd"

1st HM: Laura Altshul, New Haven CT

2nd HM: Tanya R. Whitney, Sorrento, LA

3rd HM: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

4th HM: Mary Theis, Talent, OR

5th HM: Jade Rosina McCutcheon, Salem, OR

6th HM: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

7th HM: Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX

33. OHIO AWARD

(171 entries) Judge: Russell Strauss

1st Place: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH
"Hallowed Ground"

2nd Place: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR
"Ode to a Season"

3rd Place: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

"West of Juntura, Oregon, I Hear a Late-Night Truck"

1st HM: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

2nd HM: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL

3rd HM: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

4th HM: Carmel Morse, Luna, OH

5th HM: Crystal Barker, Los Angeles, CA

6th HM: Lorrie Wolfe, Windsor, CO

7th HM: V. Kimbell Barney, Kaysville, UT

34. FLORIDA STATE POETS ASSOCIATION

AWARD (54 entries) Judge: Terrie Jacks

1st Place: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX
"Fountain of Youth"

2nd Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL
"Tracing Orange Blossoms"

3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
"The Ringmaster"

1st HM: Mark Davidson, Daytona Beach, FL

2nd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

3rd HM: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

4th HM: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

5th HM: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

6th HM: Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN

7th HM: Susan Daubenspeck, Corpus Christi, TX

35. POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN AWARD

(156 entries) Judge: Susan Gundlach

1st Place: Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR
"Dark Cherries"

2nd Place: Jonathan Bennett, Lakeland, TN
"Quotient"

3rd Place: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT
"The 'Black Hole'"

1st HM: Beth Staas, Oak Brook, IL

2nd HM: Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR

3rd HM: James F. Ahearn, Rochester, MI

4th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

5th HM: Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS

6th HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7th HM: Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

36. MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

(87 entries) Judge: Barbra Nightengale

1st Place: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

"Sonnet to an Armadillo"

2nd Place: Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR

"On Writing Poetry"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX

"Autumn Chill"

1st HM: Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

2nd HM: Donna Puccaini, Wheaton, IL

3rd HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

4th HM: Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

5th HM: Martha Balph, Millville, UT

6th HM: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

7th HM: Mary Tindall, Whitehouse, TX

*37. JESSIE STAURT MEMORIAL AWARD

(*Members only) (128 entries) Judge: Pat Lieb

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"At Masada"

2nd Place: Betty Kossick, Apopka, FL

"Kentucky Girl"

3rd Place: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS

"The Patriot"

1st HM: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

2nd HM: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ

3rd HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

4th HM: Tanya R. Whitney, Sorrento, LA

5th HM: Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR

6th HM: Tilli Urban, Denver, CO

7th HM: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

38. MINUTE AWARD

(68 entries) Judge: Janet Qually

1st Place: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

"The Hometown Oak"

2nd Place: Robert Shinzel, Highland Village, TX

"Sprouts"

3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

"Everbeauty"

1st HM: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

2nd HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

3rd HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

4th HM: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

5th HM: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

6th HM: Mary Tindall, Whitehouse, TX

7th HM: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH

39. BARBARA STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD

(169 entries) Judge: Vince Broerman

1st Place: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

"The Disseminator of a Sad Truth"

2nd Place: Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

"I Wish I'd Had a Black Friend"

3rd Place: Linda Treat, Blue Springs, MS

"The Broken Heel"

1st HM: Pamelyn Casto, De Cordova, TX

2nd HM: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, Texas

3rd HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

4th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

5th HM: Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

6th HM: Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

7th HM: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village, TX

*40. ALICE MAKENZIE SWAIM MEMORIAL AWARD (Members only) (79 entries)

Judge: Rita Aiken Mortiz

1st Place: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL

"Faithful"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Hamlet Grieves for Yorick"

3rd Place: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

"Spring Rain"

1st HM: Robert V. Davis, West Haven, UT

2nd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

3rd HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

4th HM: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

5th HM: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

6th HM: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

7th HM: Jeani M. Picklesimer, Ashland, KY

*41. POETRY SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA AWARD (*Members only) (109 entries)

Judge: Lauren Hanisian

1st Place: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

"A Secret Distance Keeps"

2nd Place: Elaine Person, Orlando, FL

"Gala"

3rd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

"Misty Morning"

1st HM: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

2nd HM: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

3rd HM: Shirley Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM

4th HM: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

5th HM: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

6th HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

7th HM: Alice Haines, Auburn, ME

42. SAVE OUR EARTH AWARD

(117 entries) Judge: Dorothy Black Crow

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"The Flight of Sparrows"

2nd Place: Merideth R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

"Fallout"

3rd Place: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

"Blinking Lights Paint Darkness Scarlet"

1st HM: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

2nd HM: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

3rd HM: Tommy Little, Brandon, MS

4th HM: Anita Jepson-Gilbert, Westminster, CO

5th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6th HM: Marilyn Huntman Giese, Aurora, IL

7th HM: Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

43. MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

AWARD (142 entries) Judge: Holly Dunlap

1st Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

"Changeling"

2nd Place: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR

"Where We"

3rd Place: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

"Presenting the Four Seasons as Composed"

1st HM: Carolyn Evans Campbell, Evergreen, CO

2nd HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

3rd HM: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

4th HM: Christina Phillips, Orlando, FL

5th HM: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

6th HM: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

7th HM: Jo-Anne Rowley, Lafayette, CO

44. POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE AWARD

(164 entries) Judge: Alida Rol

1st Place: Shelly Reed Thieman, West Des Moines, IA

"Afghan Matches"

2nd Place: Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX

"Poetic Globetrotting"

3rd Place: Lisa Baldwin, Grants Pass, OR

"Poetry is a Country"

1st HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

2nd HM: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

3rd HM: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

4th HM: Beth Honeycutt, Denton, TX

5th HM: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

6th HM: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

7th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

45. IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION AWARD

(110 entries) Judge: Sandra Nantais

1st Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

"Bathtub Lake"

2nd Place: Doris Jones, Madison, MS

"Hummingbird Hoedown"

3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

"My Pet, My Pet Whatever Shall It Be"

1st HM: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR

2nd HM: Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR

3rd HM: Jerri Hardesty, Bierfield, AL

4th HM: Marlene Million, Noblesville, IN

5th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

6th HM: Marjorie Dohlman, Riceville, IA

7th HM: Shelly Jones, Johnston, IA

46. WYOPOETS AWARD

(86 entries) Judge: Jennifer Horne

1st Place: Carolyn Evans Campbell, Evergreen, CO

"Child of the Prairie"

2nd Place: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

"A Letter from the Prairie, 1878"

3rd Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

"The Cowgirl and the Raven"

1st HM: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

2nd HM: John McPherson, Searcy, AR

3rd HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

4th HM: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

5th HM: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

6th HM: Ravitte Kentwortz, Louisville, CO

7th HM: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

***47. SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**

AWARD (*Members only) (86 entries)

Judge: Rose Klix

1st Place: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

"Truck"

2nd Place: Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

"The Master Gardener"

3rd Place: Marilyn Huntman Giese, Aurora, IL

"Message from the Midnight Moon"

1st HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

2nd HM: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

3rd HM: Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

4th HM: Kathleen Puchala, Rockwood, MI

5th HM: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

7th HM: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

48. MAINE POETS SOCIETY AWARD

(113 entries) Judge: Kathryn "Kate" Lacy

1st Place: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

"The Color of Deep Water, Mid-Pacific"

2nd Place: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

"Maiden Voyage of an Iceberg, 400 AD April-1912"

3rd Place: Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

"Surge of Attention"

1st HM: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

2nd HM: Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

3rd HM: Carlton Johnson, Winter Park, FL

4th HM: Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH

5th HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

6th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

7th HM: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

***49. MIRIAM S. STRAUSS MEMORIAL AWARD**

(*Members only)(112 entries) Judge: Lynda La Rocca

1st Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Guardian of Lochinvar Plantation"

2nd Place: Elizabeth Horrocks, Winslow, UK

"Breaking Through"

3rd Place: Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

"Haunted"

1st HM: Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

2nd HM: Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ont. Canada

3rd HM: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4th HM: Patti J. Koch, Oklahoma City, OK

5th HM: Wendy Visser, Cambridge, Ont. Canada

6th HM: Janet Tyner, Tyler, TX

7th HM: Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL

50. THE POETS NORTHWEST AWARD

(131 entries) Judge: Sue Brannan Walker

1st Place: Merideth R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

"Achieving Détente, or, a Lesson for Xenophobic Warmongers"

2nd Place: Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS

"Sacred Music"

3rd Place: Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

"At the Psychiatric Museum"

1st HM: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN

2nd HM: Virginia Mortensen, Des Moines, IA

3rd HM: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

4th HM: Linda Treat, Blue Springs, MS

5th HM: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

6th HM: Omair Hasan, Toledo, OH

7th HM: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

51. STUDENT AWARD GRADES 9-12

(37 entries) Judge: Budd Powell Mahan

1st Place: Bianca Singelstad, Lake Mills, IA

"Estate Sale Biography"

2nd Place: Sarah Meeks, Little Rock, AR

"Something Like a Story"

3rd Place: Megan Johnson, Ely, IA

"Number one on My To Do List"

1st HM: Tristian Stubblefield, Marengo, IA

2nd HM: Summer Craig, North Little Rock, AR

3rd HM: Jackson Nelson-Bradley, Davenport, IA

4th HM: Alana Scherer, West Des Moines, IA

5th HM: Kate Moellers, Little Rock, AR

6th HM: Nicholis Roberts, White Hall, AR

7th HM: Crimson Ruttenberg, Bedford, IA

52. STUDENT AWARD GRADES 6-8

(23 entries) Judge: Shari Crane Fox

1st Place: Megan Goughnour, Polk City, IA

"Family"

2nd Place: Laney Pearson, Denver, CO

"Addiction (Free Verse)"

3rd Place: Emma Paris, Putney, VT

"Did You Know, America"

1st HM: Isa Roth, Denver, CO

2nd HM: Haley Olson, Sandborn, IA

3rd HM: Isabell Lowe, Sheldahl, IA

4th HM: Olivia Nusbaum, Denver, CO

5th HM: Adrianna Ripple, Ft. Wayne, IN

6th HM: Alexa Tsvetkov, Denver, CO

7th HM: Aubrey Chapman, Osage, IA

53. STUDENT AWARD GRADES 3-5

(6 entries) Judge: Shari Crane Fox

1st Place: Julia Irish, Lakewood, CO

"The Shadow"

2nd Place: Jack Hillman, Ames, IA

"Frank"

3rd Place: Laura Austin, McHenry, KY

"The Rose"

1st HM: Sophie Kyveryga, Ames, IA

2nd HM: Trysten Collins, Ames, IA

3rd HM: Neve Sprecher, Ames, IA

4th HM: NOT AWARDED

5th HM: NOT AWARDED

6th HM: NOT AWARDED

7th HM: NOT AWARDED