



POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

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2022 POETRY DAY CONTESTS

Open Only to PRA Members Who Are Arkansas Residents

1. Sybil Nash Abrams Award: \$1,000/\$400/\$250. Poet is eligible for first prize once every five years. Poem must be historically accurate, original and unpublished. Enclose bibliography (not included in line count) on a separate page. First place winner ineligible to enter contest for four years thereafter. Subject: **ARKANSAS RIVERS**. Form: Any. Line limit: 60 – 100. Chair: Pat Durmon.

Open Only to Non-PRA Members Who Are Arkansas Residents

2. Win PRA Membership Award: First prize award only --PRA membership to end June 30, 2024. Subject: Any. Form: Any. Line limit: 32. Chair: PRA.

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3. Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni Award: \$50/\$30/\$20, HM \$10/\$10/\$10. Subject: Any. Form: Cinquain. Line limit: 5. Chair: Larry and Desiree Witherspoon.

4. Modern Haiku: \$30/\$20/\$10, HM \$5. Subject: Any. Form: Haiku, 5/7/5 syllables. Line limit: 3. Chair: Fay Guinn.

5. Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs: \$25/\$15/\$10, HM \$5/\$5/\$5. Subject: Any cheery, uplifting theme. Form: Any. Line limit: 24. Chair: Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs.

6. Banner Mountain Girl Award: \$30/\$15/\$10. Subject: The homeplace. Form: Any. Line limit: 36. Chair: Freeda Baker Nichols.

7. Crawford Sonnet Award: \$50/\$30/\$20, HM \$10/\$10/\$5. Subject: Arkansas autumn. Form: English or Italian Sonnet. Line Limit: 14. Chair: John Crawford.

Open to All Poets

8. Opal Jane & Harry O'Neal Memorial Award: \$50/\$35/\$25, HM \$5/\$5/\$5. Subject: Farming. Form: Free Verse. Line limit: 32. Chair: Ben H. O'Neal III.

- 9. Opal Jane & Harry O'Neal Humor Award: \$50/\$35/\$25, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Family Reunions. Form: Free Verse. Line limit: 32. Chair: Ben H. O'Neal III.
- 10. Sharp Award: \$60/\$35/\$25, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Any. Form: Free verse. Line limit: 38. Chair: Cathy Moran.
- 11. River Market Poets Award: \$50/\$30/\$20.** Subject: Downtown. Form: Free verse. Line limit: 36. Chair: River Market Poets.
- 12. L.C. Bridges Memorial Award: \$50/\$30/\$20.** Subject: Christian poetry. Form: Free verse. Line limit: 24. Chair: Pat Bridges.
- 13. Tom J. Smith Memorial Award: \$50/\$35/\$15.** Subject: Beloved pets. Form: Any. Line limit: 36. Chair: Donna Smith.
- 14. Central Oregon Writer: \$25/\$10/\$5.** Subject: Brothers. Form: Naani. Description and examples found at: <http://shadowpoetry.com/resources/wip/naani.html> Line limit: 4. Chair: Gail Denham.
- 15. Humor Award: \$50/\$30/\$20, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Anything with humor. Form: Any. Line limit: 32. Chair: Dennis Patton.
- 16. David Goodgame Memorial Award: \$75/\$50/\$30, HM \$20/\$15/\$10.** Subject: That place. Form: Free verse. Line limit: 30. Chair: Rita Goodgame.
- 17. Nature's Wonders: \$25/\$15/\$10, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Nature's beauty. Form: Any. Line limit: 40. Chair: Two Rivers Poetry of Ft. Smith.
- 18. Jim Barton Memorial Award: \$30/\$20/\$15, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Any. Form: Rhymed. Line limit: 16. Must use the words, "hearth, point, reason, river." Chair: SAPOP.
- 19. That's Life Award: \$35/\$20/\$10.** Subject: Love letter. "Love letter" should not be in the title. Form: Free verse. Line limit: 32. Chair: Laura Bridges.
- 20. Faye Boyette Wise Memorial Award: \$25/\$15/\$10, HM \$5/\$5/\$5.** Subject: Grandkids in church. Form: Any. Line limit: 32. Chair: Saline County Branch.
- 21. Florence Gibbs Memorial Award: \$25/\$15/\$10.** Subject: Any. Form: Any. Line limit: 36. Chair: Anna Noack.
- 22. Betty Heidelberger Memorial Award: \$25/\$15/\$10.** Subject: Any. Form: Any. Line limit: 36. Chair: Anna Noack.
- 23. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award: \$25/\$15/\$5.** Subject: The Twentieth Century. Write about anything during the last century other than wars. It can be movements, customs, famous people, etc. Form: Any. Line limit: 10 - 30. Chair: Russell H. Strauss.
- 24. Sonnet Award (in honor of Lewis Turco): \$25/\$15/\$10.** Subject: Any. Form: Any sonnet form (modern or traditional). Line limit: As required by sonnet form. Chair: Sandra Soli.

25. Gin Creek Award: \$25/\$15/\$10. Subject: Beauty of a lover compared with nature and described. Keep it family friendly. Form: Parallelogram de Crystalline. Description and example can be found at: <http://shadowpoetry.com/resources/wip/parallelogramdecryalline.html> Line limit: 12. Chair: Gin Creek Poets.

26. Couchwood Award: \$30/\$25/\$15, HM \$10/\$10/\$10. Subject: Any. Form: Haibun. Line limit: ½ page single spaced. Check on-line sites. Chair: Pat Laster.

27. Ekphrastic Award: \$25/\$15/\$10. Subject: Some work of art. The work of art must be identified. Form: Any. Line limit: 40. Chair: Emory D. Jones

28. Grands Award: \$25/\$15/\$10, HM \$5/\$5. Subject: Grandchildren or grandparents. Form: Any. Line limit: 40. Chair: Emory D Jones

29. Growing Up Like Harry Potter Award: \$30/\$25/\$10. Subject: Harry Potter. Form: Poem or prose. Line limit: One standard page with margins. Chair: Kate Lacy.

1. Your story poem or prose should be based on activities within a Harry Potter book. There are 7 books to choose from. Try to avoid using any challenge or outcome that is clearly an event in the books.

2. You may decide to use characters from one of the books but the events must then be unique. You could dream up a new and unique set of characters. The books are all about magic, so use some of your imagination to fly.

3. Your characters may be 'good' or 'bad.' What do they love, fear, demand, reject? Decide how your story will grow. Sorry, the Liquid Luck is only in your imagination!!

30. Hazel J. Alexander Memorial: \$50/\$35/\$15. Subject: Pretty things. Form: Any. Line limit: 36. Chair: Donna Smith.

CONTEST RULES

1. Mail all entries and fees in one envelope postmarked no earlier than July 1, 2022, and no later than August 15, 2022, to: **Christine Henderson, P.O. Box 9122, Searcy, AR 72145**
2. Non-members may enter all contests for which they are eligible for \$15; members may enter for \$10. Make check or money order payable to "PRA."
3. Submit one typed Times New Roman or similar font (12) original, and one copy for each contest entered with no illustrations or embellishments on entries. Type number and name of award in upper left corner of both copies. On duplicate only, place name and address in upper right corner (labels accepted).
4. All poems must be original, unpublished work of the poet, and not under consideration for publication. PRA defines publication as having an ISBN or ISSN.
5. Submit only one poem in each contest. No poem may be entered in more than one contest.
6. No entries will be returned. All manuscripts will be destroyed.
7. Contest chairs are not necessarily judges.
8. Three honorable mentions will be awarded without prizes unless otherwise specified.
9. Entries not following rules will be disqualified.