

**POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS  
NATIONAL POETRY DAY CELEBRATION  
BENTON, AR  
OCTOBER 15, 2022**

**WINNERS' LIST  
Submitted by Chris Henderson, Contest Chair**

**OVERALL RESULTS: A total of 595 poems were entered in 30 contests. Forty-one poets participated.**

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**1. Sybil Nash Abrams Award -- Chair: Pat Durmon -- Judge: Amy Jo Zook, Mechanicsburg, OH -- 6 entries**

1st	"The River Called Ouachita"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
2nd	"Nature Preserved: The Buffalo"	Donna Smith, Fayetteville, AR
3rd	"Deeper Than the North Fork's Waters"	Elizabeth Dail, Norfork, AR
1 HM	"Big River, Little River"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
2 HM	"Arkansas River"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
3 HM	"Arkansas' National Treasure"	Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR

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**2. Win PRA Membership Award -- Chair: PRA -- no eligible entries**

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**3. Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni Award -- Chair: Larry and Desiree Witherspoon -- Judges: Larry and Desiree Witherspoon of Little Rock, AR -- 19 entries**

1st	"Summer Squall"	Laura Bridges, Sherwood, AR
2nd	(FL) mongrel	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
3rd	"Like the Sun"	Dr. John Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR
1 HM	(FL) ruby	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
2 HM	"Advice to Newly Wed Husbands"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
3 HM	(FL) In this	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

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**4. Modern Haiku -- Chair: Fay Guinn -- Judge: Fay Guinn of Jonesboro, AR -- 22 entries**

1st	(FL) Buttermilk moonlight	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2nd	(FL) Autumn bright sunlight	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
3rd	(FL) Beetles bounce blindly	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
1 HM	(FL) Mirrored drops cascade	Donna Nelson, Kensett, AR
2 HM	(FL) your hazel eyes call	Laura Bridges, Sherwood, AR
3 HM	(FL) Coffee kitchen air	Dr. John Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR

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**5. Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs-- Chair: Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs -- Judge: Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs of Hot Springs, AR (Marie Allison)**

**-- 21 entries**

1st	"Laughter Lessons"	Donna Nelson, Kensett, AR
2nd	"The Walk"	Larry Witherspoon, Little Rock, AR
3rd	"Bath"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
1 HM	"Magic Smile"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
2 HM	"My Heart"	Donna Smith, Fayetteville, AR
3 HM	"Nature Songs"	Laura Bridges, Sherwood, AR

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**6. Banner Mountain Girl Award -- Chair: Freeda Baker Nichols -- Judge: Faye Adams of Cherokee Village, AR-- 15 entries**

1st	"Going Home"	Donna Nelson, Kensett, AR
2nd	"Into the Heart of Remember"	Wendy Visser, Ontario, Canada
3rd	"Walking on Gravel"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
1 HM	"In Residence"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2 HM	"Down to the House"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
3 HM	"The Old Homeplace"	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS

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**7. Crawford Sonnet Award -- Chair: Dr. John Crawford -- Judge: Dr. John Crawford of Arkadelphia, AR-- 9 entries**

1st	"Autumn Walk Through Blytheville, 1963"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
2nd	"Paintbrush"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
3rd	"To Hot Springs in October"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
1 HM	"Arkansas Autumn Gold"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
2 HM	"A Letter to Autumn"	Patricia Laster, Benton, AR
3 HM	"A performance of autumn trees"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR

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**8. Opal Jane & Harry O'Neal Memorial Award -- Chair: Ben O'Neal III -- Judge: Donna Nelson of Kensett, AR -- 20 entries**

1st	"Cultivation"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2nd	"Every spring"	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
3rd	"A Way of Life"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
1 HM	"The Field Hand"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL
2 HM	"Mule"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
3 HM	"Showing His Age"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

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**9. Opal Jane & Harry O'Neal Humor Award -- Chair: Ben H. O'Neal III -- Judge: Rhonda Roberts of Searcy, AR -- 13 entries**

1st	"Papa's Candles"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
2nd	"ZOOM reunion"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
3rd	"Gene Warfare"	Wendy Visser, Ontario, Canada
1 HM	"Thanksgiving"	Diane Attwell Palfrey, Ontario, Canada
2 HM	"Relatively Speaking"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
3 HM	"Heading to a Family Summer Reunion"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

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**10. Sharp Award -- Chair: Cathy Moran -- Judge: Cathy Moran of Little Rock, AR -- 31 entries**

1st	"Storm on the Oregon Coast"	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
2nd	"the outcast"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
3rd	"Feud"	Mike Wahl, Athens, AL
1 HM	"Fall"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
2 HM	"Who's in Control? Who's in Charge"	Patricia Laster, Benton, AR
3 HM	"The Credits"	Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

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**11. River Market Poets Award -- Chair: River Market Poets -- Judge: Diane Stefan of Mountain Home, AR -- 20 entries**

1st	"Sorry, Petula, You Can't Go There Anymore"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
2nd	"Downtown, Making Her Own Music"	Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
3rd	"In Every Little Southern Town"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
1 HM	"Shopping Spree"	Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR
2 HM	"16th Street Mall"	Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY
3 HM	"Reincarnation"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

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**12. L.C. Bridges Memorial Award -- Chair: Pat and Laura Bridges -- Judges Pat and Laura Bridges of Hot Springs, AR -- 28 entries**

1st	"You Are Not Alone"	Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
2nd	"Peter-In That Instant"	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
3rd	"Faith in the Trinity"	Barbara Weatherby, Cotter, AR
1 HM	"It's Not the End, Kids"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2 HM	"In The Garden"	Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA
3 HM	"Sing Unto Him"	Donna Nelson, Kensett, AR

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**13. Tom J. Smith Memorial Award -- Chair: Donna Smith -- Judge: Donna Smith of Fayetteville, AR -- 21 entries**

1st	"Moore, Oklahoma 2013"	Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX
2nd	"Learning from an expert"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
3rd	"Just Tripper"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
1 HM	"A Lap Made in Heaven"	Elizabeth Dail, Norfolk, AR
2 HM	"Guard Duty"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
3 HM	"I Call Him Hobo"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

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**14. Central Oregon Writer -- Chair: Gail Denham -- Judge: Gail Denham of Sunriver, OR -- 17 entries**

1st	"Filial"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2nd	"Four Brothers-70 Years Later"	Mike Wahl, Athens, AL
3rd	"When Blood is Sweeter Than Wine"	Elizabeth Dail, Norfolk, AR
1 HM	"Dare"	Teri Reese, Muscle Shoals, AL
2 HM	"Twin Trickery"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
3 HM	(FL) Muscle arms and hearts	Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA

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**15. Humor Award -- Chair: Dennis Patton -- Judge: Dennis Patton of Alexander, AR -- 28 entries**

1st	"Taxing Counts"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
2nd	"The Egg"	Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL
3rd	"pepper thief"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
1 HM	"The Exit Formerly Known as Brompton"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL
2 HM	"I'm Going to See A Man About A Dog"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
3 HM	"Knee Socks and Plaid Shorts"	Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA

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**16. David Goodgame Memorial Award -- Chair: Rita Goodgame -- Judge: Latacia Harris of Searcy, AR -- 28 entries**

1st	"Pilgrimage"	Wendy Visser, Ontario, Canada
2nd	"My Mountain"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
3rd	"That Place in My Heart"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
1 HM	"ownership"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
2 HM	"Incident On The Old Stone Bridge"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
3 HM	"A Sacred Space"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

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**17. Nature's Wonders -- Chair: Two Rivers Poetry of Ft. Smith -- Judge: Two Rivers Poetry of Ft. Smith, AR -- 33 entries**

1st	"The Hoodoo That It Does So Well"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2nd	"Sanctuary"	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS
3rd	"A Vernal Vision"	Daniel Moreschi, Wales, UK
1 HM	"River Elegy"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL
2 HM	"Sometimes I Feel Like A Stray Dog At The Kennel Club Show"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
3 HM	"Wildfire"	Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA

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**18. Jim Barton Memorial Award -- Chair: SAPOP -- Judge: SAPOP of El Dorado, AR -- 15 entries**

1st	"Dixon Masonry"	Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX
2nd	"So I Asked Myself"	Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA
3rd	"She Lost Her Love at Christmas"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
1 HM	"Cause and Effect"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2 HM	"Meandering"	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
3 HM	"Holding On To Summer"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

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**19. That's Life Award -- Chair: Laura Bridges -- Judge: Laura Bridges of Sherwood, AR -- 25 entries**

1st	"let every kiss be thunder"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
2nd	"I Yearn For You"	Dr. John Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR
3rd	"A Love Like No Other"	Barbara Weatherby, Cotter, AR
1 HM	"It's all in the writing"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
2 HM	"Letter Home"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
3 HM	"The Thinnest of Threads"	Patricia Laster, Benton, AR

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**20. Fay Boyette Wise Memorial Award -- Chair: Saline County Branch -- Judge: Barbara Blanks of Garland, TX -- 11 entries**

1st	"first time"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
2nd	"Let the Little Children Come to Me"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
3rd	"In the Pew, Wondering"	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
1 HM	"Sundays at Grandma's"	Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA
2 HM	"Christmas Eve"	Beth Staas, Oak Brook, IL
3 HM	"The Little Visitor"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR

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**21. Florence Gibbs Memorial Award -- Chair: Anna Noack -- Judge: Pat Durmon of Norfolk, AR -- 34 entries**

1st	"Rheumatoid Arthritis Poem"	Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA
2nd	"The End: A search for meaning"	Patricia Laster, Benton, AR
3rd	"Brother Power"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
1 HM	"A Strand of Pearls"	Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA
2 HM	"The things we carry"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
3 HM	"Abandon All Hope"	Terrie Jacks, Ballwin, MO

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**22. Betty Heidelberger Memorial Award -- Chair: Anna Noack -- Judge: Todd Sukany of Pleasant Hope, MO -- 34 entries**

1st	"Adrift on the Sea of Tranquility"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
2nd	"Seasoned"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
3rd	"Selfish"	Laticia Harris, Searcy, AR
1 HM	"At Last"	Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
2 HM	"Redamancy, If ..."	Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX
3 HM	"Monarchs March"	Daniel Moreschi, Wales, UK

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**23. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award -- Chair: Russell Strauss -- Judge: Russell Strauss of Memphis, TN -- 24 entries**

1st	"Painting Greg Louganis"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
2nd	"The Dry Time"	Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA
3rd	"Transformation, circa 1930s"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
1 HM	"Burning the Corset"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2 HM	"The Princess"	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS
3 HM	"Politician Nixon Speaks From Beyond"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

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**24. Sonnet Award -- Chair: Sandra Soli -- Judge: Autumn Finley of Bolivar, MO -- 21 entries**

1st	"Satchmo in the Morning"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2nd	"Solar Swansong"	Daniel Moreschi, Wales, UK
3rd	"Watching my father in the moon"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
1 HM	"A Sea Storm Tries to Make Me Understand"	Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA
2 HM	"Adapting"	Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
3 HM	"Nature Walk"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR

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**25. Gin Creek Award -- Chair: Gin Creek Poets -- Judge: Gin Creek Poets of Searcy, AR -- 11 entries**

1st	"Your Daily Beauty"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
2nd	"The Nature of You"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
3rd	"He Loves Me Like A Lion"	Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR
1 HM	"The Bird of My Heart Sings"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2 HM	"This Overflowing Heart Sees"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

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**26. Couchwood Award -- Chair: Patricia Laster -- Judge: Patricia Laster of Benton, AR -- 20 entries**

1st	"Wisteria at Prime"	Teri Reese, Muscle Shoals, AL
2nd	"Give Me Your Tired and Your Poor ... "	Beth Staas, Oak Brook, IL
3rd	"The Correspondence"	Terrie Jacks, Ballwin, MO
1 HM	"Defoliation"	Mike Wahl, Athens, AL
2 HM	"Dances with Shadows"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL
3 HM	"Morning Invasion"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

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**27. Ekphrastic Award -- Chair: Dr. Emory Jones -- Judge: Dr. Emory Jones of Iuka, MS -- 19 entries**

1st	"The creation of Adam"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
2nd	"Ruse de Cezanne"	Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX
3rd	"A Sailor's Choice"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
1 HM	"The Old West Cowboy"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
2 HM	"Goya's Red Boy"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
3 HM	"Dancing With the Devil's Diagonals"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL

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**28. Grands Award -- Chair: Dr. Emory Jones -- Judge: Dr. Emory Jones of Iuka, MS -- 22 entries**

1st	"Banana Bread"	Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY
2nd	"Rusty Hinges"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
3rd	"Slipping Away"	Dargan Ware, Bessemer, AL
1 HM	"Grandma's Bag"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2 HM	"Droughted Days"	Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
3 HM	"Out of the Mouths of Babes"	Dr. John Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR

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**29. Growing Up Like Harry Potter Award -- Chair: Kate Lacy-- Judge: Kate Lacy of Fayetteville, AR -- 5 entries**

1st	"Jessamine and the Veiled Power"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2nd	"HypoPotterically Speaking"	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
3rd	"The Dragon's Stone"	Elizabeth Dail, Norfolk, AR
1 HM	"The Magic of Poetry"	Mike Wahl, Athens, AL
2 HM	"Wedding at Hogwarts"	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS

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**30. Hazel J. Alexander Memorial -- Chair: Donna Smith -- Judge: Donna Smith of Fayetteville, AR -- 22 entries**

1st	"Pretty Ribbons and Rings"	Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA
2nd	"In the middle of the beauty"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
3rd	"Granny's Glass"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
1 HM	"little darling"	Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX
2 HM	"Queen Lilies"	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS
3 HM	"The Color of Memories"	Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA

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