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2023 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration Contest Winners

Dr. Lily Peter Memorial Award - Chair John McPherson - 20 entries - Judged by Nick Boone of Searcy, AR - sponsored by Roxie Wilson

1st	"My Years With Rocks"	Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR
2nd	"To the Fog"	Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
3rd	"Collage"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
1st HM	"Invitation to Picnic"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

Verna Lee Hinegardner Memorial Award - Chair John McPherson - 20 entries - Judged by Rhonda Roberts of Searcy, AR - sponsored by Dr. John Crawford

1st	"I Take My Mask Off to Spring"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
2nd	"Fields of Glory"	Elizabeth Dail, Norfolk, AR
3rd	"Summer Evenings"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
1st HM	"My Queen Too"	Donna Smith, Fayetteville, AR
2nd HM	"My Mountains"	Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
3rd HM	"Outbox"	Betty Jo Middleton, Alexandria, VA

Freda Baker Nichols Memorial Award - Chair Pat Laster - 21 entries - Judged by Jan Hamlett of Little Rock, AR - sponsored by Pat Laster

1st	"Night Shift Nurse"	Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
2nd	"Mama's Back Porch"	Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR
3rd	"Our Place"	Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
1st HM	"Parting Words"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
2nd HM	"Winter on Twin Lakes Cove"	Fay Smalling Guinn, Jonesboro, AR
3rd HM	"Too Much of Too Little"	Betty Jo Middleton, Alexandria, VA

2023 Spring Celebration Serious Verse - 4 entries - Judged by attendees

1st	"Godly Timing"	John McPherson, Searcy, AR
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2023 Spring Celebration Light Verse - 4 entries - Judged by attendees

1st	"Just the Facts, Ma'am"	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR
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2023 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest - Chair Karen Moulton - 13 entries - Judged by Lydia Cheatham of Benton, AR

- 1st "Seedling" Gabrielle Thurman, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
- 2nd "Breathless" Madison Porter, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
- 3rd "Anything But Flesh" Verity Callahan, Hendrix College, Conway, AR
- 1st HM "Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite" Alyssa Toye, Harding University, Searcy, AR
- 2nd HM "Unlocked Love" Bauer Lee, Hendrix College, Conway, AR

2023 Harding Stedler Memorial Student Contest - Senior Division - Chair Laura Bridges - 31 entries - Judged by Donna Smith of Fayetteville, AR

- 1st "5 AM" Josiah Boone, Searcy High School, Searcy, AR
- 2nd "Do You Also Wonder?" Belle Mentgen, Mt. St. Mary's, Little Rock, AR
- 3rd "Passenger" Carley Tillery, Fountain Lake Charter High School, Hot Springs, AR
- 1st HM "Wildflower" Addison Langford, Fountain Lake Charter High School, Hot Springs, AR
- 2nd HM "Half a Conversation" Clara Principe, Mt. St. Mary's, Little Rock, AR
- 3rd HM "For All Who Need to Hear It" Makenna Kutzschebauch, Benton Junior High, Benton, AR

2023 Harding Stedler Memorial Student Contest - Junior Division - Chair Laura Bridges - 40 entries - Judged by Marie Allison and Sheri Hayes of Hot Springs, AR

- 1st "Nobody" Alyssa Howell, Benton Middle School, Benton, AR
- 2nd "Unreal" Leah Mouton, Woodland Junior High, Fayetteville, AR
- 3rd "Special" Gabrielle Gully, Woodland Junior High, Fayetteville, AR
- 1st HM "Sharing is Caring" Helen Ibitokun, Woodland Junior High, Fayetteville, AR
- 2nd HM "The Hit" Easton Phifer, Benton Middle School, Benton, AR
- 3rd HM "Persistent Agony" Dabney Lovins, North Little Rock Middle School, North Little Rock, AR
