

## 2023 NFSPS Contest Award Winners

### 1. NFSPS Founders Award (to honor Mary B. Wall)

**Judge:** Aaron Abeyta **Entries:** 334

1st Place: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

"Between Two Bridges"

2nd Place: Mary Ann Meade, Lansdowne, PA

"Seaweed"

3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Flesh and Father"

HM1: Shari Crane Fox, Grass Valley, CA

HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM3: Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL

HM4: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM5: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM6: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

HM7: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

### 2. NFSPS Board Award

**Judge:** Pat Durmon **Entries:** 133

1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

"The Street Beggar"

2nd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

"Street Walkers"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"Dancing at the Crossroads"

HM1: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

HM3: Sue Ann Owens, Tucson, AZ

HM4: Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler, TX

HM5: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM6: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

HM7: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

### 3. The Margo Award

**Judge:** Val Szarek **Entries:** 126

1st Place: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL

"Hestia Looking Out"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Clear Persuasion"

3rd Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

"At the Window"

HM1: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM3: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

HM4: Anita Dees, New London, CT

HM5: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM6: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM7: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

### 4. Donald Stodghill Memorial Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Alan Perry **Entries:** 170

1st Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Two Poets at Table"

2nd Place: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

"The Language of Winter"

3rd Place: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO

"On Resilience"

HM1: Linda White, Maplewood, MN

HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM3: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: Shari Crane, Fox Grass Valley, CA

HM5: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM6: Randy K. Schwartz, Ann Arbor, MI

HM7: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

### 5. Social Critique Poetry Award

**Judge:** Barbara Blanks **Entries:** 162

1st Place: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

"Gray Suddenly Sings Blue in the Sun"

2nd Place: Ana Reisens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain

"Taking a Stand in Baton Rouge"

3rd Place: Marya Summers, Tehachapi, CA

"The Honest Word"

HM1: John McPherson, Searcy, AR

HM2: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

HM3: Rose Heflin, Madison, WI

HM4: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

HM5: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

HM6: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM7: Anita Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

### 6. Winners' Circle Award

**Judge:** Jeanette Willert **Entries:** 159

1st Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

"The Sounds of the Centuries"

2nd Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

"A Fine Kettle of Poem-Fish"

3rd Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

"Dawn"

HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

HM3: Marilyn Joy, Temecula, CA

HM4: Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA

HM5: John McPherson, Portland, OR

HM6: Suzanne Austin-Hill, Ruskin, FL

HM7: Candace Armstrong, Murphysboro, IL

### 7. Georgia Poetry Society Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Michael Spears **Entries:** 77

1st Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"During Her Very Long Life"

2nd Place: Barbara A. Shepherd, Edmond, OK

"Lynched"

3rd Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

"Houstonian Come Home"

HM1: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

HM2: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM3: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

HM4: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO

HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM6: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

HM7: John McPherson, Portland, OR

### 8. Stone Gathering Award

**Judge:** Christina M. Flaughner **Entries:** 149

1st Place: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

"The Avant-garde Alligator War"

2nd Place: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN

"I Don't Want a Fairy Tale"

3rd Place: Gregory "Seth" Harris, Denver, CO

"Walking Dead Man"

HM1: Herbert Woodward Martin, Dayton, OH

HM2: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM3: Rose Heflin, Madison, WI

HM4: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA

HM5: Amy Nawrocki, Hamden, CT

HM6: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO

HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

### 9. Poetry Society of Texas Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Jon Sebba **Entries:** 145

1st Place: Jane Stuart, Flatwoods, KY

"Crossing into Tomorrow"

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

"Wabi Sabi"

3rd Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

"Musing on Miracles"

HM1: Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler, TX

HM2: Christina Flaughner, Rochester, MN

HM3: Inge Logenburg Kyler, Eaton Rapids, MI

HM4: Emory Jones, Iuka, MS

HM5: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM6: Mary Merlo, Troy, MI

HM7: Shirley Kobar, Loveland, CO

### 10. Jim Barton, Bard of the Pines Award

**Judge:** Julie Allyn Johnson **Entries:** 84

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

"Duet to Symphony"

2nd Place: Shari Crane, Fox Grass Valley, CA

"Morning in the High Sierras"

3rd Place: Susan Randall, Orem, UT

"Run Caribou"

HM1: John W. Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR

HM2: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

HM3: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM4: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM5: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM6: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

### 11. Lucille Morgan Wilson Memorial Award

**Judge:** Lynda LaRocca **Entries:** 141

1st Place: Sarah Morin, Fishers, IN

"Unvanquished"

2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

"Backyard Rebellion"

3rd Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

"In Putin's Garden"

HM1: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM2: Barbara Ford, Poncha Springs, CO

HM3: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM4: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM5: Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

HM6: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO

HM7: Mary Beth Magee, Poplarville, MS

### 12. Al Laster Memorial Award (Members Only)

**Judge:** M. Palowski Moore **Entries:** 131

1st Place: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

"Lord Frederic Speaks"

2nd Place: Jocelyn Ajami, Chicago, IL

"The Guitarist"

3rd Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK

"A Lingering Impression"

HM1: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM2: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM3: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM4: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

HM5: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

HM6: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM7: Barbara Shepherd, Edmond, OK

### 13. Arizona State Poetry Society Award

**Judge:** Alida Rol **Entries:** 126

1st Place: Richard Hood, Campbell, CA

"Aria"

2nd Place: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

"Green Re-Found"

3rd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

"Hope"

HM1: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM2: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN

HM3: Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR

HM4: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

HM5: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

HM6: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

HM7: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

### 14 Jim Barton Memorial Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Frank Iosue **Entries:** 152

1st Place: Jo-Anne Rowley, Lafayette, CO

"Sunrise"

2nd Place: M. Palowski Moore, Overland

Park, KS, "Know Me, Know Us"

3rd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Adversity and the Tuna"

HM1: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM2: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM3: Michael Escoubas, Bloomington, IL

HM4: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

HM5: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH

HM6: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM7: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

**15. Alabama State Poetry Society Award**  
(Members Only)

**Judge:** Eleanor Berry **Entries:** 56  
1st Place: Alyssa Darby, Cabot, AR  
"Divergent"

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

"A Sweetness Steeped in Moments"

3rd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

"Stroke"

HM1: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

HM2: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM3: Laurie Kolp, Beaumont, TX

HM4: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM5: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

HM6: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA

HM7: Jennifer Rood, Grants Pass, OR

**16. Land of Enchantment Award**

**Judge:** Mark AndrewJames Terry **Entries:** 103

1st Place: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

"Borders"

2nd Place: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

"A Color but No Gender"

3rd Place: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

"Biding Time"

HM1: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM2: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

HM3: Dan Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

HM4: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM5: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

HM6: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

HM7: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

**17. Poet's Work Award**

**Judge:** Sharon Sweeney **Entries:** 103

1st Place: Cynthia Knorr, Strafford, NH

"Pretty Woman"

2nd Place: Elaine Palencia, Champaign, IL

"Slaughterhouse"

3rd Place: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

"Survivor"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

HM3: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

HM4: Christina Flaughter, Rochester, MN

HM5: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM6: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM7: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

**18. The Listening Poem Award**

**Judge:** Lisa Fosmo **Entries:** 139

1st Place: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA

"The Sign Linguists"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Perceptions"

3rd Place: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

"Amazing"

HM1: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM2: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton TX

HM4: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

HM5: Martha H. Balph, Millville, UT

HM6: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

HM7: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

**19. Power of Women Award**

**Judge:** Nancy Susanna Breen **Entries:** 133

1st Place: Anne Whitehouse, New York, NY

"Lady Bird"

2nd Place: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Challenged"

3rd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Nike at the Louvre"

HM1: Laura Mahal, Fort Collins, CO

HM2: Laura Sweeney, Bloomington, IL

HM3: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM4: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM5: Ana Reisens, Sant Just Desvern, Spain

HM6: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX

HM7: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

**20. The Virginia Corrie-Cozart Memorial Award**

**Judge:** Polly Opsahl **Entries:** 114

1st Place: Lorrie Wolfe, Fort Collins, CO

"It's Not About You"

2nd Place: Susan Daubenspeck, Corpus Christi, TX

"Her Dress as Cocoon"

3rd Place: Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN

"(r)after"

HM1: Diane Glancy, Gainesville, TX

HM2: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM3: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM4: Laura Sweeney, Bloomington, IL

HM5: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM6: Natalie Johnston Doty, Wintersville, OH

HM7: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

**21. Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award**  
(Members Only)

**Judge:** Karen Scott **Entries:** 87

1st Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

"The Courtesan's Cat"

2nd Place: Mary Jane Andol, Starkville, MS

"Black Lightning with a Touch of Lace"

3rd Place: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

"To The Cat"

HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM2: Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY

HM3: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM4: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM5: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

HM6: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

HM7: Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA

**22. League of Minnesota Poets Award**

**Judge:** Barbara Funke **Entries:** 154

1st Place: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

"Nothing to Do but Climb"

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

"Eclipse"

3rd Place: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

"Last Letter from Leona"

HM1: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

HM2: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN

HM3: Kenneth Michaels, York, PA

HM4: Wendy Kieffer, Tampa, FL

HM5: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

HM6: Libby Casey Irwin, Vadnais Heights, MN

HM7: Elaine Costanzo, New Concord, OH

**23. Jessica C. Saunders Memorial Award**

**Judge:** Shirley Blackwell **Entries:** 110

1st Place: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

"The Gift"

2nd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

"Grandmother"

3rd Place: Anita Dees, New London, CT

"You Must Understand This"

HM1: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

HM2: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

HM3: Anne Greenfield, Cincinnati, OH

HM4: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

HM5: T.L. Hensel, Colorado Springs, CO

HM6: Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

HM7: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

**24. Poetry Society of Indiana Award**

**Judge:** Diane Glancy **Entries:** 89

1st Place: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

"Two Flew Out"

2nd Place: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

"Expect. Reject. Accept."

3rd Place: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

"Sleeping in a Chair"

HM1: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

HM2: Anna Boughtwood, Rensselaer, NY

HM3: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

HM4: Paul Causey, Saint Jo, TX

HM5: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Martha LaBine, Ramsey, MN

**25. Nevada Poetry Society Award**  
(Members Only)

**Judge:** Dan Liberthson **Entries:** 67

1st Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Channukah in Ukraine, 2022"

2nd Place: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH

"Moon Beauty"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"Ignoring Time"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM4: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

HM5: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL

**26. William Stafford Memorial Award**

**Judge:** Jennifer Horne **Entries:** 158

1st Place: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

"On a Dark Desert Highway"

2nd Place: Melody Wilson, Beaverton, OR

"Zazen at 62"

3rd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

"Report from the Gateway Wetlands—Early April"

HM1: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT

HM2: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

HM3: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL

HM4: Amy Nawrocki, Hamden, CT

HM5: Kait Quinn, Minneapolis, MN

HM6: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

HM7: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

**27. The New York Poetry Forum Award**

**Judge:** Diane Clark **Entries:** 145

1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX

"Read Me a Poem"

2nd Place: Jackie McVey, Tyler, TX

"Preservationists"

3rd Place: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

"I often think of a poem"

HM1: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

HM2: Susan Mardele, McKinney, TX

HM3: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

HM4: Josh Lefkowitz, Boulder, CO

HM5: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM6: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM7: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

**28. Columbine Poets of Colorado Award**  
(Members Only)

**Judge:** John Burroughs **Entries:** 102

1st Place: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"The Weeping of Trees"

2nd Place: David Bond, Del Rio, TX

"Only a Conflict, Not a War"

3rd Place: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

"Jew's Mallow"

HM1: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL

HM2: Ellen Lee, Denver, CO

HM3: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

HM4: Donna Geise, Owens Cross Roads, AL

HM5: Christine Irving, Denton, TX

HM6: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM7: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

**29. Morton D. Prouty & Elsie S. Prouty Memorial Award**

**Judge:** Sue Brannan Walker **Entries:** 173

1st Place: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

"Alchemy"

2nd Place: Cynthia Knorr, Strafford, NH  
"Second Coming"  
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"About Gold"  
HM1: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM2: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
HM3: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM4: Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada  
HM5: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK  
HM6: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT  
HM7: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL

### 30. Jimmye Inez Sessions Memorial Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** William "Bucky" Ignatius **Entries:** 137

1st Place: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN  
"Wokeness in the Aftermath"  
2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Antietam"  
3rd Place: Janet Tyner Tyler, TX, "After"  
HM1: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
HM2: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY  
HM3: Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN  
HM4: Kathleen Decker, Williamsburg, VA  
HM5: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH  
HM6: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

### 31. Utah State Poetry Society Award

**Judge:** Deborah Petersen **Entries:** 130

1st Place: Marleine Yanish, Denver, CO  
"Mirrored Sadness"  
2nd Place: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
"What Can I Say About You?"  
3rd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO  
"Second Sight"  
HM1: Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
HM2: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
HM3: Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI  
HM4: Beverly A. Joyce, Land O'Lakes, FL  
HM5: Holly Antoun, Golden, CO  
HM6: Janet Tyner, Tyler, TX  
HM7: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL

### 32. Illinois State Poetry Society Award

**Judge:** Mary Schmidt **Entries:** 101

1st Place: Cheryl Van Beek, Wesley Chapel, FL  
"Finding the Flow"  
2nd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
"As Gray"  
3rd Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
"Two Rivers"  
HM1: Susan Randall, Orem, UT  
HM2: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
HM3: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
HM4: Dick Ramsey, Des Moines, IA  
HM5: Vicky Dovenspike, Salem, IA  
HM6: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
HM7: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

### 33. The Robbie Award

**Judge:** Karen Kay Bailey **Entries:** 102

1st Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Shared Grief"  
2nd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
"To a Son Who Died"  
3rd Place: Patricia Tiffany Morris, Bondurant, IA  
"the last time we spoke"  
HM1: Larry Witherspoon, Little Rock, AR  
HM2: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX  
HM3: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI  
HM4: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA  
HM5: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH  
HM6: John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK  
HM7: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

### 34. Iowa Poetry Association Award

**Judge:** Janet Qually **Entries:** 105

1st Place: Mark Terry, Orlando, FL  
"Dream, Dream, Dream"  
2nd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"Country and City"  
3rd Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
"Two Chipmunks"  
HM1: Belle Schmidt, Fort Collins, CO  
HM2: Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA  
HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
HM5: Patricia J. Koch, Warr Acres, OK  
HM6: Lynn Schiffhorst, Winter Park, FL  
HM7: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT

### 35. Wallace Stevens Memorial Award

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Carol W. Bachofner **Entries:** 61

1st Place: Christine Irving, Denton, TX  
"Healing the Angry Self"  
2nd Place: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO  
"The Ghost House"  
3rd Place: Jane Stuart, Flatwoods, KY  
"Two Flowers on a Windy Day"  
HM1: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK  
HM2: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
HM3: Nancy Breen, Loveland, OH  
HM4: Diane Neff, Longwood, FL  
HM5: Charles Firmage, Elroy, AZ  
HM6: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT  
HM7: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

### 36. Ohio Award

**Judge:** Russell Strauss **Entries:** 149

1st Place: Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
"Invitation to Picnic"  
2nd Place: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
"Clams"  
3rd Place: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA  
"Ode to the Extra Ten Pounds"  
HM1: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX  
HM2: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
HM3: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
HM4: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS  
HM5: BJ Alligood, Port Orange, FL  
HM6: Nancy MacDermott, Chardon, OH  
HM7: Lynda La Rocca, Salida, CO

### 37. WyoPoets Award

**Judge:** Bonnie Larson Staiger **Entries:** 80

1st Place: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO  
"To The Cabin"  
2nd Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
"Gathering Place"  
3rd Place: Sunny Bridge, Fort Collins, CO  
"Dance of the Tumbleweeds"  
HM1: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR  
HM2: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN  
HM3: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR  
HM4: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX  
HM5: John McPherson, Searcy, AR  
HM6: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
HM7: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

### 38. Florida State Poets Association, Inc. Award

**Judge:** Marleine Yanish **Entries:** 51

1st Place: Sara Gipson Scott, AR, "Empty Shells"  
2nd Place: Patricia Thrushart, Clarington, PA  
"Rooted Along the Overseas Highway"  
3rd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
"The Distinctive Tone of David Sanborn"  
HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM2: Fred Briggs, Lake Mary, FL  
HM3: Mark Hammerschick, Highland Park, IL  
HM4: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM5: Christa Fairbrother, Gulfport, FL  
HM6: Patricia J. Koch, Warr Acres, OK

HM7: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

### 39. Poetry Society of Michigan Award

**Judge:** Mary Beth Bretzlauf **Entries:** 127

1st Place: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
"Torn Free"  
2nd Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
"Settling for the Earth"  
3rd Place: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
"After the Pink Mist—2021"  
HM1: Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT  
HM2: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT  
HM4: Dick Ramsey, Des Moines, IA  
HM5: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT  
HM6: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM7: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

### 40. Mississippi Poetry Society Award

**Judge:** Charmaine Pappas Donovan **Entries:** 98

1st Place: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
"From Juke Joints to Concert Halls"  
2nd Place: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT  
"Many Wonders"  
3rd Place: Betsy M. Hughes, Oakwood, OH  
"Azulejos"  
HM1: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
HM2: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
HM3: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN  
HM4: Linda R. Payne, Fairfield, OH  
HM5: Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
HM7: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

### 41. Jesse Stuart Memorial Award

**Judge:** Louise Brown **Entries:** 127

1st Place: Daniel Moreschi, Neath, GB  
"The Great Monarch Butterfly Migration"  
2nd Place: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT  
"Sheet Bend"  
3rd Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
"When Buttons Fall"  
HM1: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX  
HM2: Lynne McNamara, Longmont, CO  
HM3: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie, TX  
HM4: Markay Brown, St. George, UT  
HM5: Karen Kay Bailey, Blanchard, OK  
HM6: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK  
HM7: Daniel Liberthson, Cottage Grove, OR

### 42. Missouri State Poetry Society Award

**Judge:** Jerri Hardesty **Entries:** 42

1st Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX  
"Pragmatist in the Heartland"  
2nd Place: Stephen Schwei, Houston, TX  
"Missouri Family"  
3rd Place: Delores Walker, Oklahoma City, OK  
"Off the Beaten Path"  
HM1: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN  
HM2: Dave Malone, West Plains, MO  
HM3: BJ Alligood, Port Orange, FL  
HM4: Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL  
HM5: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO  
HM6: Susan Chambers, Mankato, MN  
HM7: Laura Rodley, Shelburne Falls, MA

### 43. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award

**Judge:** Emily Strauss **Entries:** 159

1st Place: Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT  
"This Being Said . . ."  
2nd Place: Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO  
"Absolution"  
3rd Place: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO  
"Writing About the Stroke Patient"  
HM1: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX  
HM2: Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL  
HM3: Harvey Stone, Johnson City, TN  
HM4: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

HM5: Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT  
HM6: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO  
HM7: Judith Rycroft, Oklahoma City, OK

#### **44. Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award**

**Judge:** Lorrie Wolfe **Entries:** 121

1st Place: Christine Boldt, Temple, TX

"On Sadness"

2nd Place: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Holy Work"

3rd Place: Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN

"Hugging Trees"

HM1: Sylvia Collins, S. Hamilton, MA

HM2: Elizabeth Horrocks, Wilmslow, UK

HM3: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

HM4: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

HM5: K. Hamblen, Baton Rouge, LA

HM6: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM7: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

#### **45. Save Our Earth Award**

**Judge:** Margie B. Klein **Entries:** 109

1st Place: Laura Bridges, Hot Springs, AR

"One with the Wild—a Walk through the Ozarks"

2nd Place: Tanya Whitney, Sorrento, LA

"Murdered Landscapes"

3rd Place: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

"To My Grandchildren"

HM1: Deborah Filanowski, Selinsgrove, PA

HM2: Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

HM3: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

HM4: Adrienne Blalock Pamplin, Longview, TX

HM5: Dan Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

HM6: Marjorie Dohlgan, Riceville, IA

HM7: Eleanor Berry, Dallas, OR

#### **46. Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award**

**Judge:** Donna Salli **Entries:** 129

1st Place: Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA

"I Saw Santa Sitting in a Lawn Chair"

2nd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

"Addiction's Extreme Sport"

3rd Place: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

"times table"

HM1: Christopher Hasara, Rensselaer, IN

HM2: Susan Bennett Smith, State College, PA

HM3: Sandra McGarry, Fort Collins, CO

HM4: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN

HM5: Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

HM6: Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

HM7: Alyssa Darby, Cabot, AR

#### **47. Poetry Society of Tennessee Award**

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Lori Goetz **Entries:** 98

1st Place: Patricia Thrushart, Clarrington, PA

"Digging Deep"

2nd Place: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

"Summer Garden, 1970"

3rd Place: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX

"Good-Time Party Girls"

HM1: Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL

HM2: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM3: Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

HM4: Laura Bridges, Hot Springs, AR

HM5: Susan Randall, Orem, UT

HM6: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

HM7: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

#### **48. Maine Poets Society Award**

**Judge:** Jessica Temple **Entries:** 172

1st Place: Mike Wilson, Lexington, KY

"Spring Passing"

2nd Place: Irene Alderson, Minneapolis, MN

"On the St. Croix"

3rd Place: Jan Ohmstede, Salida, CO

"Ravenous Joy"

HM1: Lori Anne Goetz, Germantown, TN

HM2: Laura Trigg, Chesterfield, MO

HM3: Pam Tucker, Washington, UT

HM4: Valerie Szarek, Louisville, CO

HM5: Sam Wright, Lakewood, OH

HM6: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

HM7: F. Leith Jones, Carlisle, PA

#### **49. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award**

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Susan Chambers **Entries:** 37

1st Place: Charles K. Firmage, Eloy, AZ

"Snowing on Flanders Field"

2nd Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"Give Me Books, or Give Me—More Books"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"A Sigh in Winter"

HM1: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM2: V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

HM3: Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

HM4: Joyce Allen, Ankeny, IA

HM5: Janet Ruth, Corrales, NM

HM6: Lisa Toth Salinas, Spring, TX

HM7: Mike Wahl, Athens, AL

#### **50. The Poets Northwest Award**

(Members Only)

**Judge:** Susan Maxwell Campbell **Entries:** 83

1st Place: Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte, MI

"City Kid Rap"

2nd Place: John McPherson, Searcy, AR

"Sorry, Petula, You Can't Go There Anymore"

3rd Place: Robert Schinzel, Argyle, TX

"Leaving the Good Times"

HM1: S. Evan Walters, Lebanon, IN

HM2: Alison Chisholm, Birkdale, Southport, UK

HM3: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

HM4: Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

HM5: Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

HM6: Charles Firmage, Elroy, AZ

HM7: Mary Ellen Orvis, Sun City Center, FL

#### **51. Student Award: Grades 9–12**

**Judge:** John Coppock **Entries:** 31

1st Place: Isabella Mullinax, Hotsprings, AR

"Late Night of Memories"

2nd Place: Sankalp Gautam, Manlius, NY

"The Wonderous Glaucous"

3rd Place: Lilah Lindemann, Miller Place, NY

"Spotlight"

HM1: Emma Paris, Putney, VT

HM2: Clara Principe, North Little Rock, AR

HM3: Alex Kramarenko, Hot Springs, AR

HM4: Ciara Harvey, Benton, AR

HM5: Joe Boone, Searcy, AR

HM6: Tane Kim, Irvington, NY

HM7: July Gibson, Jacksonville, AR

#### **52. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 6–8**

**Judge:** Shari Crane Fox **Entries:** 5

1st Place: Bridget DeMelfi, Cheyenne, WY

"Derealization"

2nd Place: Karelin Ta, Aurora, CO

"Bullying"

3rd Place: Miah Schultze, Cheyenne, WY

"Summed up"

HM1: Christopher Fitzgerald, Cheyenne, WY

HM2: Keeley Cozza, Aurora, CO

#### **53. Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 3–5**

**Judge:** Susan Gundlach **Entries:** 5

1st Place: Avery Irish, Burlington, IA

"My Mom Dances"

2nd Place: Brooklyn Legree, Toddville, IA

"If all you can see"

3rd Place: Isaac Nelson, Oklahoma City, OK

"Moving On"

HM1: Tia Keller, Burlington, IA

HM2: Shawn Darby, Cabot, AR