



2024 UTSPS April Awards Festival Contest Winners

#37. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund

Subject: Any

Form: Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Rita Bowles

of Entries: 20

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Grace Diane Jessen, Sweater Sense

2nd: Martha H. Balph, Sleeping Beauty

3rd: Anita M. Krotz, Serendipity

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jane Randall, "The Third Eddystone Lighthouse 1759-1877"

2nd Place: Jerri Hardesty, "Time Marches On"

1st Place: Marney Hilton Zambrano, "A Romantic Endeavor For My Lover"

#36. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund

Subject: Any

Form: True light verse, rhymed, metered, humorous

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Colette Tennant, OR

of Entries: 15

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Crystie Cook, Presents from the Cats

2nd: Susan Randall, The "Weaf"

3rd: Martha H. Balph, Getting It Right

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Grace Diane Jessen, "No Sock-cess"

2nd Place: Jane Randall, "Happy Birthday to Me!"

1st Place: Lorraine Jeffery, "Hawaii Tries To Belong"

#35. SHORT POEM—VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund

Subject: Any serious subject

Form: Any

Line limit: 6 minimum, 12 maximum

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Barbara Blanks, TX

of Entries: 37

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Susan Foster, Last Moments

2nd: Mike Wahl, Living Altruistically

3rd: Twila Wood, After the Last Breath

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Pam Tucker, "Weaning"

2nd Place: Lauren Madsen, "A Certainty"

1st Place: Joyce Kohler, "Emptiness Has Its Uses"

#34. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund

Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Whitnee Coy, SD

of Entries: 29

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Michael Spears, The Lovely Ladies of Autumn

2nd: JoLea Johnson, Luminous Heights

3rd: Mark Hudson, Alice

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Twila Wood, "Storm On Sulfur Summit (On the Banff Gondola)"

2nd Place: Russell Asplund, "Missouri Birds"

1st Place: Pam Tucker, "Bur Buttercups"

#33. MEAGHER MEMORIAL SPONSOR: MEAGHER MEMORIAL FUND UTSPS

Subject: Any humorous—make us giggle, chuckle, or laugh

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Bill Abbott, OH

of Entries: 30

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Donna Geise, Feeling British

2nd: Jolayne Nelson, Becoming Blonde

3rd: V. Kimball Barney, At the Breakfast Table

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, "Always Professional"

2nd Place: Paul Ford, "God Texts Me"

1st Place: Russell Asplund, "Je Parle Trop Peu Francais"

#32. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund

Subject: The Personal Poem

Form: Any

Line Limit: 24 maximum

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Charmaine Donovan, MN

of Entries: 28

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Louise Cook, Opus

2nd: Mike Wahl, Assailing Sorrow



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3rd Place: Martha H. Balph,
"Nightmare"

2nd Place: Michael Spears,
"Dachau Complex"

1st Place: Pam Tucker, "Love
Language"

#31. HAIKU

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: Haiku (style or form of
three-lines. No sequences

Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

Judge Name: Steve Sanders, TX

of Entries: 33

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Anita M. Krotz, snow-laden
redwood

2nd: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Squawks
from up above

3rd: Barbara J. Funke, wind-
swayed chairs vacant

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Paul Ford, "Haiku"

2nd Place: V. Kimball Barney,
"The Wolf at Twilight"

1st Place: Michael Spears, "The
Warm Sand Wiggles"

#30. OTTAVA RIMA

Sponsor: Joyce Kohler

Subject: Ode to teacher(s)

Form: Ottava Rima

Line Limit: 8 minimum, 40
maximum

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Polly Opsahl, MI

of Entries: 10

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Lorraine Jeffery, To My Many
Teachers

2nd: Cristie Cook, Still Playing
Piano with Joy

3rd: Michael Parker, Reading
About The Gods In Nature's
Nascent Community

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jerri Hardesty,
"Observations of a Poetry Slam
Veteran"

2nd Place: Michael Spears, "Art
Slater"

1st Place: Martha H. Balph, "We
Called Him 'Sir' (He Never Asked
For That)"

#29. STEVEN LEITCH MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Steven Leitch

Memorial Fund

Subject: Inspiration

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Mary Ricketson,
NC

of Entries: 29

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Joel Passey, Willing As The
Wind

2nd: Michael Spears, August
Inspiration

3rd: Twila Wood, The Wedding
Singer

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Susan Foster, "Visitor"

2nd Place: Markay Brown,
"Spiritus"

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, "Other
Side of the Window"

#28. ROSE OSTLER MEMORIAL

Sponsor: A Friend of Rosalyn
Ostler

Subject: War and the American
Soldier

Form: Free Verse

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Robert Schinzel,
TX

of Entries: 24

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Markay Brown, The Color of
War

2nd: Lauren Madsen, His
Memorial Day

3rd: Michael Spears, Red Tailed
Angel

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jerri Hardesty, "In the
Fight (American Revolution)"

2nd Place: Anita M. Krotz,
"Please, One More Pitch"

1st Place: Sara Gipson, "Fever-Hot
Memories"

#27. GERALDINE FELT MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Renetta West

Subject: Any

Form: Villanelle or Sonnet

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Budd Powell
Mahan, TX

of Entries: 27

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Cristie Cook, Bronco Storm
Busting

2nd: Lorraine Jeffery, So Little

3rd: Jane Randall, Disorder

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Anita M. Krotz, "End of
the Battle"

2nd Place: Jerri Hardesty,
"Rediscover Joy"

1st Place: Marney Hilton
Zambrano, "Unplanned (Grand)
Parenthood"

#26. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Rhyme & Reason
Chapter and friends

Subject: Simple, yet Sublime
Things

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$25

Judge Name: Wilda Morris, IL

of Entries: 34

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions



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1st: Dr. Emory Jones, Sacred Music

2nd: Joel Passey, Ephemeral

3rd: Michael Spears, The Alchemy of Ordinary Things

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: V. Kimball Barney, "Ant Highway"

2nd Place: Markay Brown, "Bottle of Buttons"

1st Place: Twila Wood, "A Christmas Concert On The Farm"

#25. CLARENCE SOCWELL MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

Subject: The Human Experience

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Jenny Kalahar, IN

of Entries: 43

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Donna Geise, Patterns

2nd: Susan Foster, Divergence

3rd: Jolayne Nelson, Rain Streamers

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Louise Cook, "Black Crickets"

2nd Place: Eva Coca-Lucero, "Power of the Pen"

1st Place: Barbara J. Funke, "Avian Visitation, October 7th"

#24. JUANITA WATTS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

Subject: Love of Nature & the Outdoors

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Courtney Huse Wika, SD

of Entries: 31

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Louise Cook, I Wish It Were Always May

2nd: Paul Ford, Silence

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jolayne Nelson, "Dawn at Otter Creek, Oregon"

2nd Place: Crystie Cook, "Fjording the Foothills of Sheep Bridge Road (Near Hurricane Cliffs, Utah)"

1st Place: Twila Wood, "Jackson to Yellowstone"

#23. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

Subject: My Best Friend

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$25

Judge Name: Marsha Smoot, UT

of Entries: 17

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Maurine Haltiner, Other Night Music

2nd: Louise Cook, Second Grade Love Notes

3rd: Joel Passey, Mother

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Michael Spears, "Grandma's Lap"

2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, "Eulogy For An Old Friend"

1st Place: Markay Brown, "Spaghetti and Salmon"

#22. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL—YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT

Sponsor: Candy Lish Fowler and Bill Fowler

Subject: About the USA. Could be a hometown: a community event, noteworthy character, town

Tradition

Form: Any, except no rhyming poetry

Prizes: \$75, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Barbara Blanks, TX

of Entries: 23

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Michael Spears, The Drowning Of St. Thomas

2nd: Crystie Cook, A Train Runs Through

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Robert V. Davis, "Arctic Express"

2nd Place: Sara Gibson, "Breakfast at City Cafe"

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, "Innocence"

#21. ANN C. LARSON MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Candy Lish Fowler and Bill Fowler

Subject: Any, except no politics, erotica, or vulgarities

Form: Any, except no prose or rhyming poetry

Line limit: 50 lines or less

Prizes: \$100, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Sue Ranglack, UT

of Entries: 36

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Jerri Hardesty, Synaesthesia

2nd: Donna Geise, A Mouse, a Mite, a Monarch, and a Spider

3rd: Pam Tucker, Mending With Moths

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Crystie Cook, "A Lesson In Blank Verse and Between"

2nd Place: Joel Passey, "Of Sonnets and Stones"

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, "Olive Wood Secrets"

#20. VERA ISADORE SPEARS MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsor: Ann Spears Family

Subject: Wanderlust



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Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$25

Judge Name: Jerri Hardesty,
AL

of Entries: 5

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Teri Reese, Restless Quest

2nd: Mark Hudson, Another
Memorable Vacation

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Joyce Kohler,
"Romany"

2nd Place: Marilyn W. Richardson,
"It's Hard to Believe"

1st Place: Michael Shoemaker,
"Mopping at Leisure"

#19. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: List Poem

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Kathy Lohrum
Cotton, IL

of Entries: 4

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: S. Mark Barney, Woman Talk

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Mike Wahl, "ABC
Outline for Armageddon"

2nd Place: Michael Shoemaker,
"All in a Pot"

1st Place: Donna Geise,
"Denomination"

#18. INSPIRED BY POEMS

Sponsor: Paul Ford

Subject: Any

Form: Golden Shovel Poem

Line Limit: 25 lines or less

Prizes: \$35, \$25, \$15

Judge Name: Jessica Temple,
FL

of Entries: 30

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Grace Diane Jessen, Unknown
Predator

2nd: Louise Cook, Winding the
Hills

3rd: Jane Randall, The Fifth
Decree

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jon Sebba, "Land of
Mary"

2nd Place: Donna Geise, "So
Much"

1st Place: Lynda La Rocca, "This
Being So Much a Child, So Small"

#17. HONORING U.F. and AGNES WOOD

Sponsor: Marilyn W. Richardson

Subject: Fly With Me

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$25

Judge Name: Rita Moritz, AL

of Entries: 27

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Donna Geise, The Eagle

2nd: O. William Asplund, Swans at
Coole Remembered

3rd: Susan Randall, Scandinavia –
The Northern Crown

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Markay Brown, "Glass-
winged Butterflies & Angel Fish"

2nd Place: Louise Cook, "Sky
Dancer"

1st Place: Michael Spears,
"Hummingbirds and Ocotillo
Vine"

#16. LEFT to WRITE

Sponsor: Pam Tucker

Subject: Maps

Form: Any

Line Limit: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$25

Judge Name: Rob Carney, UT

of Entries: 19

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Joyce Kohler, A Distant View

2nd: Terry Jude Miller, She Said
She Never Liked Maps

3rd: Crystie Cook, Anne Bonny
Makes Two Maps

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Lorraine Jeffery, "Upon
Arriving In Japan"

2nd Place: Susan Foster, "My
Father's Map"

1st Place: Jerri Hardesty, "Senryu"

#15. HINTERLANDS AWARD

Sponsors: Hinterlands Chapter

Subject: Love For the Land

Form: Any

Line Limit: 70 lines or less

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Mary Beth

Bretzlauf, IL

of Entries: 33

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Jolayne Nelson, Rapture in
Sandstone

2nd: Jerri Hardesty, Plea to the
Mother

3rd: Crystie Cook, This Wild
Wyoming Wind

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Marilyn W. Richardson,
"The Other Side of the Mountain"

2nd Place: Joyce Kohler, "Desert
Home"

1st Place: Anita M. Krotz, "Steep
and Deep"

#14. REMEMBERING AWARD

Sponsor: Joyce Kohler

Subject: Trees

Form: Any

Line Limit: None

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Cade Huie, TX

of Entries: 36

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Terry Jude Miller, Trees



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2nd: Lorraine Jeffery, Drought
Music
3rd: Crystie Cook, Vincent Van
Gogh Paints "Green Wheat with
Cypress" 1889

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Nancy Simmonds,
"River Song"
2nd Place: Martha H. Balph, "Tree
of Knowledge"
1st Place: Pam Tucker, "Ghost
Trees"

#13. FOR TINY

Sponsor: Jennifer Asplund
Subject: Cats (domestic)
Form: Any
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: LaVern Spencer
McCarthy, OK
of Entries: 27
Disqualified: 0
Honorable Mentions
1st: Mike Wahl, Focused
2nd: Jerri Hardesty, Cat's Play
3rd: JoLea Johnson, Prissy Kitty

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Twila Wood, "Buddy
(Rescued By My Daughter)"
2nd Place: Jon Sebba, "The
Difference"
1st Place: V. Kimball Barney, "Fur
Elise"

#12. VERNA HARTSOE HIONG MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsor: Raven Chiong
Memorial Fund
Subject: Unsung Heroine
Form: Any
Line Limit: 49 maximum
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: Susan Stevens
Chambers, MN
of Entries: 23
Disqualified: 0
Honorable Mentions
1st: Jerri Hardesty, Grandma's
Secret Job

2nd: Markay Brown, Miss
America
3rd: Maurine Haltiner, All That's
Left

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: JoLea Johnson, "Heart
Changes"
2nd Place: Lauren Madsen,
"Weary and Willing"
1st Place: Justin L. Kennington,
"Famous Last Word"

#11. BEN LOMOND CHAPTER AWARD

Sponsor: Ben Lomond Chapter
Subject: The Seasons of My Life
Form: Any
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: Kirk Hardesty, AL
of Entries: 33
Disqualified: 0
Honorable Mentions
1st: Carolyn W. Taylor, The Trip
2nd: Jane Randall, Pink Roses
3rd: JoLea Johnson, Magenta

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Pam Tucker, "Painting
On the Same Canvas"
2nd Place: Mike Wahl, "Seasoned
For You"
1st Place: Markay Brown,
"Singing Ecclesiastes"

#10. MARILYN MARSHALL AWARD

Sponsor: Marilyn Marshall
Subject: Hope
Form: Any
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: Ann Howells, TX
of Entries: 37
Disqualified: 0
Honorable Mentions
1st: Sara Gipson, Around the
Christmas Tree
2nd: Sean C. Jones, When I Break
3rd: Mike Wahl, Crawling for
Survival

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Nick Sweet, "Turning
the Cornerstone"
2nd Place: Joel Passey, "Rondeau"
1st Place: Brenna Asplund,
"Recitation For January"

#9. CAROLYN TAYLOR AWARD

Sponsor: Carolyn Taylor
Subject: The Lonesome Road
Form: Any
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: Kathy Jo Carter,
IN
of Entries: 35
Disqualified: 0
Honorable Mentions
1st: Lauren Madsen, Revelation
Burden
2nd: Russell Asplund, Springtime
Lamentation

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Mark Hudson, "On
Highway 61"
2nd Place: Terry Jude Miller,
"Reprieve"
1st Place: Catherine Moran,
"Walking Alone"

#8. PAT BADER'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sponsor: Bob Bader
Subject: Children
Form: Any
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
Judge Name: Sara Gipson, AR
of Entries: 34
Disqualified: 1
Honorable Mentions
1st: Tanya R. Whitney, Building a
Tower
2nd: Jane Randall, Mending
Bluejeans a la Covid
3rd: Carolyn W. Taylor,
Conscience

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Grace Diane Jessen,
"Thanksgiving Oversight"



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2nd Place: Louise Cook, "Sleigh Riding Hill--1952"

1st Place: Dr. Emory D. Jones, "Recycle"

#7. AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE AWARD

Sponsor: Martha H. Balph
Subject: Relating to American Indians—history, contemporary issues, arts, or spirituality

Form: Any

Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

Judge Name: Vivian Langford, UT

of Entries: 23

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Anita M. Krotz, Cradle of the Tribe

2nd: Crystie Cook, Choctaw Flute Song Review

3rd: Thomas Watrous, The Ceremony

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Tanya R. Whitney, "Mahpiya Luta (Chief Red Cloud)"

2nd Place: Joel Passey, "Mojave Mirage"

1st Place: Joyce Kohler, "Lost Treasure"

#6. DAVID F. AND ROBERT H. BALPH MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Martha H. Balph
Subject: A poem about a wild creature or creatures

Form: Any

Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

Judge Name: Dr. Karen Betstadt, CO

of Entries: 39

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Twila Wood, Hip Hop with a Marmot

2nd: Pam Tucker, Rabbit

3rd: Crystie Cook, Young Cougars Down Panther Creek

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Jolayne Nelson, "Carapce: Sea Turtles at Poipu, Kauai)

2nd Place: Joyce Kohler, "Bless the Hive"

1st Place: Maurine Haltiner, "Whose Tracks These Are"

#5. RED ROCK WRITERS FOUNDERS AWARD

Sponsor: Red Rock Writers
Subject: Bones

Form: Free verse with figurative language—no prose poems

Prizes: \$35, \$25, \$15

Judge Name: Susan Moss, IL

of Entries: 26

Disqualified: 0

Honorable Mentions

1st: Grace Diane Jessen, Speaking to Bleached Bones

2nd: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Bones Die Hard

3rd: Lorraine Jeffery, Cutting Costs

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Mike Wahl, "The Last History Lesson"

2nd Place: Terry Jude Miller, "Bone Biographies"

1st Place: Markay Brown, "Speaking of Bones"

#4. THE DAUGHTERS AWARD

Sponsor: Grace Diane Jessen
Subject: Babies, Children, or Daughters

Form: Any

Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Gail Jennings, UT

of Entries: 26

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Louise Cook, Braided Testimony

2nd: Sara Gipson, Yellow Paints a Golden Day

3rd: Tanya R. Whitney, A Legacy Continues

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Barbara J. Funke, "My Daughter, My Nymph"

2nd Place: Lauren Madsen, "Their Work is Play"

1st Place: Markay Brown, "Christmas Baby"

#3. FUNNY BUSINESS

Sponsor: Kim Barney

Subject: Humorous

Form: Rhymed and Metered

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Judge Name: Harry Moritz, AL

of Entries: 28

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Mike Wahl, What I Should Delete

2nd: Nick Sweet, 10 Minutes The Showtime !!

3rd: Anita M. Krotz, Buckaroo Prank

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Crystie Cook, "Wanted: A Less Catty Cat"

2nd Place: Lauren Madsen, "Unexpected"

1st Place: Jerri Hardesty, "Eli Jones"

#2. VALLEY WINDS AWARD

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter
Subject: Gratitude

Form: Any

Prizes: \$65, \$45, \$35

Judge Name: Kathy Gerstorff, IN

of Entries: 35

Disqualified: 1

Honorable Mentions

1st: Mike Wahl, Into A Protracted Sorrow

2nd: Michael Spears, Weeds and Other Wild Things



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3rd Place: Jerri Hardesty, "So Much To Be Grateful For"

2nd Place: Donna Geise, "Mr. Rogers"

1st Place: Bonnie Anderson, "Pinched Between Heaven and Earth"

#1. WILD CARD AWARD

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Prizes: See Above

Judge Name: Diane Glancy, TX

of Entries: 80

Disqualified: 6

Honorable Mentions

1st: Michael Parker, I Belong To The Here and Here

2nd: Mike Wahl, Eulogy for Cat

3rd: Maurine Haltiner, More Than Looking at Thirteen Blackbirds

Prize-winning Poems

3rd Place: Teri Reese, "Predilection"

2nd Place: Jon Sebba, Afghan Freedom"

1st Place: Marney Hilton Zambrano, "Sticky Wicket"

#38. \$HOOT FOR THE LOOT

Sponsor: UTSPS

Entry fee: \$5 per poem (no limit on number of entries).

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Prizes: \$150

Judge Name: Pat Barnes, MI

of Entries: 31

Disqualified: 2

Honorable Mentions

1st: Joyce Kohler, Square To Circle and In Between

2nd: Maurine Haltiner, Of Shadows & Light

3rd: Maurine Haltiner, Monday Morning Ars Poetica

3rd Place: Susan Foster, Pieces Of Thread

2nd Place: Susan Foster, Absence

Prize-winning Poem

1st Place: Jane Randall, "The Farting Camel of Hafiz"

ALICE MORREY SWEEPSTAKES

Winner

Markay Brown, St. George, UT
31 points

2nd Place (tie): Anita Krotz— 27 points

2nd Place (tie): Jerri Hardesty— 27 points

3rd Place: Joyce Kohler— 21 points

4th Place: Pam Tucker— 21 points

5th Place: Michael Spears— 21 points

6th Place: Lauren Madsen— 16 points

7th Place: Martha Balph— 16 points

8th Place: Twila Wood— 16 points

9th Place: Marney Zambrano— 15 points

UTSPS Newcomer Award

Lauren Madsen, Saratoga Springs, UT 16 points

MISCELLANEOUS CONTEST DETAILS

Money Received from Contest

Sponsors— \$3,680

Total Money Received from

Contestants— \$1,231

Total # of Contest Categories— 38

Total # of Poems Received— 1,111

Total # of Poems Disqualified— 15

Total # of Contributing Poets— 67

Total # of States Represented—

15; the following list represents the state and the number of poets who submitted to the contest: AL - 3,

AR - 2, CO - 2, GA - 1, ID - 1, IL - 1, IN - 2, LA - 1, MS - 2, OR - 1,

TX - 2, UT - 46 VA - 1, WY - 1, UK (Wales) - 1; the following list displays the name of the state = # of awards won for the state
AL=13; AR=3; CO=1; ID=3; IL=1; IN=1; LA=1; MS=1; OR=5; TX=3; UT=80; VA=1

Total # of Non-members who Won a Cash Prize— 6
Total # of Cash Prize Winners— 113

NOTE: *The Book of the Year Award is now given every other year and this was the off year. The next award will be given in 2025.*