

Poets Northwest
32nd Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2019

Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 25, 2019

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Rules

Submit ID sheet along with one set of originals with NO identification and one set of copies with Name, Address, Phone/E-Mail, Member/Non-Member in upper right corner of 8.5 by 11 white paper. **Both originals and copies must have the Number and Name of Category in the upper left-hand corner.**

- ✓ **Contest is open to “Houston area” poets only. (Harris/Montgomery/Waller/Ft. Bend/Galveston counties)**
- ✓ Poetry must be original, unpublished work.
- ✓ Poetry must follow guidelines for category. Line limit does not include title, nor spaces (unless otherwise stated).
- ✓ Only one poem per category and no part of that poem may be entered in another category.
- ✓ Dues-paid members pay \$3 entry fee and may enter any/all categories. Non-members pay \$3 per category or . . .
- ✓ Non-members may send \$15 membership dues and \$3 entry fee (\$18 total) with entries.
- ✓ Please do not enter category sponsored by a relative.
- ✓ Mail all poems first class with check payable to ***Poets Northwest*** to above address.

Retain copies of your poems. ALL POEMS WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER THE CONTEST. The minimum number of entries for a category to be judged is five. If five entries are not received, it is up to the judge to award prizes or not. If the judge determines not to judge that category, sponsor money WILL be refunded.

SAMPLE ID SHEET (on top of **original** set of entries)

	Name Address Phone/E-Mail Member/Non-Member
Category #/Name 1. The Baltz Award (continue with as many categories entered)	Poem Title A Song for Sara

Category #/Name	(Originals)
	Poem Title (Poem <u>does not</u> have to be centered on the page) Poem

Category #/ Name	(Copies)
	Name Address Phone/E-Mail Member/Non-Member
	Poem Title (Poem <u>does not</u> have to be centered on the page) Poem

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SPRING FLING 2019
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 Dedicated to organ donors and organ recipients. *Open subject*. Direct Address/Apostrophe. 500 words or less. *Delight me! Sponsored by Kenneth and Angelique Barber.
2. **The Poetry Award** 1st \$35, 2nd \$15 *Why Poetry?* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
3. **Dancing with Longfellow Award** 1st \$35, 2nd \$15 Dedicated to Poets. *Any poem inspired by another poet's work. Please list the poet's name.* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Sharon E. Young.
4. **The High Hopes Award** 1st \$30, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to Ann E. McCue. *Positive thinking.* Open form. 32 line limit. Sponsored by Nancy Toth.
5. **The President's Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Open subject.* Any repetitive form; example: Villanelle, Pantoum, Sestina, Ghazal, etc.. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
6. **Wabi-Sabi Poetry Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Give me your imperfections, your misfits, your stubborn children!*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard
7. **Going Home Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Rebecca Stuart and Jake, the Golden Retriever. *Anything concerning going home.* Villanelle. 19 lines. Adhere to proper rhyme scheme and form. Sponsored by Leslie Ann Engle.
8. **The Courage Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to my daughter, Schemen, for her courage, always smiling through seventeen years of struggle with cancer and a stroke. *Open subject.* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
9. **The Remembrance Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Bob, my husband of 52 years. *Open subject.* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
10. **The June Leap Memorial Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to June Brown Leap. *Celebrating Life.* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Nancy Leap.
11. **"Hair-raising Award"** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to those who know you need to be afraid of the dark! *What scares me most . . .* Open form. Minimum 10 maximum 32 line limit. Sponsored by Tom Levy.
12. **The Al Cluff Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Al Cluff, superb teacher, Ukiah High School, 1970. *The geography of the heart.* Open form. 24 line limit. Sponsored by David Orchard.
13. **The "Remember When" Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to George R. McCue. *Good Old Times.* Open form. 30 line limit. Sponsored by Nancy Toth.
14. **Stone River Press Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *An event that influenced your life.* Open form. 36 line limit. Sponsored by Jackie Pelham.
15. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to all PNW members, past, present & future. *Open subject.* Open form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by PNW.

16. **The Anne Award** 1st \$25, Dedicated to Anne Kirchgraber-McKee. *Must contain speculative/fantastical magical realism elements or theme.* Open form. 30 line limit. Sponsored by Jenna Smith.
17. **The Owens Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Arthur Ray Owens. *If walls could talk.* Open form. 32 line limit. Sponsored by Michael Owens.
18. **Squirrel in a Cactus Garden Prize** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my grandson, Christian. *Open subject.* Modern or traditional Haiku or Senryu. *Prefer no title. Sponsored by Lynn Roberts Grice.
19. **Third Person Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open subject.* Poem written in the third person. 30 line limit. *Watch use of “the.” Sponsored by Betty Kersh.
20. **“Smallest Leaf” Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10 *Open subject.* Open form - For best use of poetic devices, figurative language, meter and form. 1 page limit. Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Lisa Salinas.
21. **The Alamo Family Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my girls – Franchesca & Isabel. *Family.* Shakespearean Sonnet. 14 line limit. Sponsored by Alina Alamo.
22. **Your Choice** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated our aspiring poets. *Open subject.* Rhymed. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Cheri Bell.
23. **The Un-The-Poem** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open subject.* Free verse. 25 line limit. *Not over two “the.” Sponsored by Betty Kersh.
24. **Alonzo’s Arts Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to Peacemakers. *Inspiration for progress.* Open form. 32 line limit. Sponsored by Jimmie Radliff
25. **Sweet Sounds** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 *Open subject.* No end rhyme – all other poetic sound devices. 10 lines. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
26. **The Art of Comparison** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 *Open subject.* No end rhyme – must contain central metaphor or simile. 12 line limit. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
27. **The Creviere Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to Paul J. Creviere Sr.. *Gardening/Flowers.* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Mary Turner.
28. **The Cento Challenge** 1st \$10, 2nd \$5 *Open Subject.* Cento – All lines must come from poems by a different poet or poets than the contestant. Staple a separate sheet with the title of your cento and the list of the source poems and poet(s) for each line. Centos without appropriately documented sources or composed of lines rearranges from a single source poem will not be considered. 31 line limit. Sponsored by Courtney O’Banion Smith.