

Poets Northwest
34th Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2021

Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 25, 2021

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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- ✓ Poetry must be original work, unpublished (*unless otherwise specified by sponsor*).
- ✓ 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 \$5 entry fee and may enter any/all categories. Non-members pay \$5 per category or . . .
- ✓ Non-members may send \$15 membership dues and \$5 entry fee (\$20 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

Poem Title

1. The Baltz Award

A Song for Sara

(continue with as many categories entered)

(Originals)

Category #/Name

Poem Title

(Poem does not have to be centered on the page)

Poem

(Copies)

Category #/ Name

Name

Address

Phone/E-Mail

Member/Non-Member

Poem Title

(Poem does not have to be centered on the page)

Poem

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**POETS NORTHWEST
SPRING FLING 2021
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$38 Dedicated to all victims of Covid-19 and their families. *Abundance*. Open form. 500 words or less. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Clearpoint Group/Kenneth and Angelique Barber.
2. **The Poetry Award** 1st \$35, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Why I write poetry* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
3. **The Cento Challenge** 1st \$30, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$5 *Open Subject*. Cento. 31 line limit. * 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 source poems and poet(s) for each line. Centos without appropriately documented sources, or composed from a single source poem, will not be considered. Sponsored by Courtney O'Banion Smith.
4. **Your Choice Rhymed** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Open subject*. Rhymed. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Cheri Bell.
5. **Prose Poem Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Open*. Prose poem. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
6. **Wabi-Sabi Poetry Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Transience and imperfection*. Open form. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
7. **A Day at the Beach** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Finding something other than seashells*. Free verse. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
8. **Bridge over Troubled Water** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 *Relationships*. Free verse. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
9. **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.
10. **The Al Cluff Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Al Cluff, superb teacher, Ukiah High School, 1970. *The geography of fear*. Open form. 24 line limit. Sponsored by David Orchard.
11. **The President's Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Paul and Marie Creviere. *Open Subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Mary Creviere Turner.
12. **The Owens Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Regret*. Open form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Michael Owens.
13. **Stone River Press Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Your favorite animal*. Open form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Jackie Pelham.
14. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to all PNW members, past, present & future. *Open subject*. Open form. 20 line limit. Sponsored by PNW.

15. **The Miller Memorial Award** 1st \$25 Dedicated to Timothy “Beaux” Miller and Charlotte Miller, siblings of the sponsor. *Open subject*. Free verse. 40 line limit. *No punctuation other than word and line spacing and the em dash, no capitals except for the pronoun “I” and formal names (if used) iambs are not required. Sponsored by Terry Jude Miller.
16. **The Boomerang Award** 1st \$25 *Previously published*. Open form. 60 line limit. *Previously published only, but not a previous contest winner of any money prize. Must cite where previously published. Citation does not count in line count. Payment for publication is acceptable. Sponsored by Stephen Schwei.
17. **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.
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. **Love Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Love*. Open form. 25 line limit. *Watch your “the” use. Mention “Love” word only once. 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 Toth Salinas.
21. **Dancing with Longfellow Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10 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.
22. **The Ann Jenkins Award** 1st \$20, Dedicated to Ann Jenkins, my 4th grade teacher, who saw potential and encouraged me to write. *Teachers or Inspiration*. Open form. No line limit. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by April D. Scheffler.
23. **The Alamo Family Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my girls – Franchesca & Isabel. *Family*. Open form. 14 line limit. Sponsored by Alina Alamo.
24. **The Walter Joseph Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 To the memory of Walter Joseph Samp, from his son, grandson, and granddaughter.. *Fatherhood*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Don Samp
25. **Open - Any Subject** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 *Open subject*. Open form. 20 line limit. Sponsored by Betty Kersh.
26. **For the Love of Form** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 *Open subject*. Tanka. 5 lines. *see <https://poets.org/glossary/tanka> for explanation and examples. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
27. **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.