

*Poets Northwest*  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2022**

**Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 24, 2022**

**Mail to: Lynn Grice – 9611 Magnolia Ridge Dr – Houston, TX 77070 – (713) 249-5935**

**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- ✓ Poetry must be original work, unpublished (*unless otherwise specified by sponsor*).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
<b>Category #/Name</b> 1. The Baltz Award (continue with as many categories entered)	<b>Poem Title</b> A Song for Sara

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

	(Copies)
<b>Category #/ Name</b>	<b>Poem Title</b> (Poem <u>does not</u> have to be centered on the page) Poem
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**POETS NORTHWEST  
SPRING FLING 2022  
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$38 Dedicated to all Houston Restaurateurs who have worked tirelessly during Covid-19. *Food, glorious food!*. Open form. 36 lines or less. \*Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Clearpoint Group/Kenneth and Angelique Barber.
2. **Kohanski Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Dedicated to Bob & Schemen, husband/daughter. *Open Subject*. Free verse. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
3. **The Sunshine Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$20 Dedicated to Lynn Grice for all she does for poetry. *Beauty – did you look, really look*. Free verse. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
4. **Perseverance Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to Lynn Grice. *Perseverance*. Meter & Rhymed. 1 page limit. \*Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Cheri Bell.
5. **Prose Poem Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 *Open*. Prose poem. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
6. **The Repetitive Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 *Open Subject*. Any repetitive form. Ex: Villanelle, Pantoum, Sestina, Ghazel, etc. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
7. **The Poetry Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to poets who write from the heart! *Why I write poetry* Free verse. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
8. **The June Leap Memorial Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to June Brown Leap. *Celebrating Life*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Nancy Leap.
9. **Pick Your Battles Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to Poets Northwest hardworking Board of Directors. *An Important Disagreement (argument)*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Forrest Martino.
10. **The President's Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to Paul and Marie Creviere. *Open Subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Mary Creviere Turner.
11. **The Owens Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 *Open*. Open form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Michael Owens.
12. **Stone River Press Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 An amusing poem. Rhyming. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Jackie Pelham.
13. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 Dedicated to all PNW members, past, present & future. *Open subject*. Open form. 20 line limit. Sponsored by PNW.
14. **The Boomerang Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 *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.

15. **The Miller Memorial Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$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 and Gloria Miller.
16. **The Ann Jenkins Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, Dedicated to Ann Jenkins, my 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Dawn Scheffler.
17. **The Anne Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$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** 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$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** 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 *Love*. Open form. 25 line limit. \*Watch your “the” use. Mention “Love” word only once. Sponsored by Betty Kersh.
20. **“Smallest Leaf” Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$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. **The Alamo Family Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 Dedicated to my girls – Franchesca & Isabel. *Family*. Open form. 14 line limit. Sponsored by Alina Alamo.
22. **The Walter Joseph Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 To the memory of Walter Joseph Samp, (KIA in WWII) from his son, grandson, and granddaughter.. *Fatherhood*. Open form. 1 page limit. \*Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Don Samp
23. **Open - Any Subject** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 *Open subject*. Open form. 20 line limit. Sponsored by Betty Kersh.
24. **For the Love of Form** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 *Open subject*. Tanka. 5 lines. \*see <https://poets.org/glossary/tanka> for explanation and examples. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
25. **The Art of Comparison** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 *Open subject*. No end rhyme – must contain central metaphor or simile. 12 line limit. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
26. **The Al Cluff Award** 1<sup>st</sup> \$15 Dedicated to Al Cluff, a superb teacher, Ukiah High School. *The geography of sky*. Open form. 30 line limit. Sponsored by David Orchard.