

Poets Northwest
36th Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2023

Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 24, 2023

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- ✓ Poetry must be original work, unpublished (*unless otherwise specified by sponsor*).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

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

PNW Board of Directors: President: *Stephen Schwei*; V P/Programs: *Holly Jahangiri*;
Treasurer/Membership/Newsletter/Historian: *Lynn Roberts Grice*; Secretary/Publicity: *Eric Blanchard*;
Events/Fundraising: *Open*; Judge: *Angelique Barber*; Webmaster: *Karen Mastracchio*



**POETS NORTHWEST
SPRING FLING 2023
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$38 *Water*. Open form. 36 lines or less. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Clearpoint Group, LLC/Kenneth and Angelique Barber.
2. **Nancy's Garden Award** 1st \$30 Dedicated to Nancy Toth, member of PNW who passed away in 2020. *Seeds – literal or figurative*. Rhymed and metered. 36 line limit. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Lisa Toth Salinas.
3. **Make Mine Metrical** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Poets Northwest. *Any subject*. Metrical & Rhymed. 1 page limit. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Cheri Bell.
4. **The Poetry Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to PNW Poets. *What poetry means to me*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
5. **Kohanski Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Bob & Schemen, husband/daughter. *Open Subject*. Free verse. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
6. **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.
7. **The Davino Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Patty Davino. *Write a poem that makes you feel, and evokes emotion*. *Open Subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Forrest Martino.
8. **The President's Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Al and Darlene Schwei. *Open Subject*. Open form. 40 line limit. Sponsored by Stephen Schwei.
9. **The John G. Creviere Award** 1st \$25 2nd \$15, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my brother, John G. Creviere. *Open subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Mary Creviere Turner.
10. **Prose Poem Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open*. Prose poem. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
11. **The Metaphor Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open Subject*. Extended metaphor. 36 line limit. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
12. **The Repetitive Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open Subject*. Any repetitive form. Ex: Villanelle, Pantoum, Sestina, Ghazel, etc. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
13. **The Owens Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my friend, Rich Cryar *Open*. Open form. 40 line limit. Sponsored by Michael Owens.
14. **Stone River Press Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Moving on – physically or mentally*. Open form. 30 line limit. Sponsored by Jackie Pelham.
15. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to all PNW members. *Open subject*. Open form. 35 line limit. Sponsored by PNW.

16. **The Remembering Award** 1st \$25 Dedicated to All dreamers. *A true friend*. Open Form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
17. **The Miller Memorial Award** 1st \$25 Dedicated to Beaux Miller and Charlotte Miller. *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.
18. **The Ann Jenkins Award** 1st \$25, 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 Dawn Scheffler.
19. **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.
20. **The Soundest of the Sound** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Sound poems, spoken word, other poems using the sonic*. Open Form. No line limit. Sponsored by John Daugherty.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **The Walter Joseph Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 To the memory of Walter Joseph Samp, (KIA in WWII) from his son and grandsons. *Fatherhood*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Don Samp
24. **Ekphrastic** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 *Respond to – Playing with the North Wind by Susan Boulet*. Ekphrastic. 20 line limit. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
25. **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.