

Poets Northwest
37th Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2024

Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 22, 2024

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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 & SE Texas area” poets only. (Harris, Montgomery, Waller, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers, Liberty, Grimes, Walker, San Jacinto, Madison, Trinity, Polk, Houston, Tyler, Harden, Orange, Jefferson, Jasper, Newton, San Augustine, Angelina, & Sabine 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- ✓ Poetry must be original work, unpublished (*unless otherwise specified by sponsor*).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 Open/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/MO 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 Open 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: *Mary Creviere Turner*; V P/Programs: *Stephen Schwei*; Treasurer/Membership/Events Coordinator-Fundraising: *Lynn Roberts Grice*; Newsletter/Secretary/Publicity: *Holly Jahangiri*; Judge: *Eric Blanchard*
Appointees: Webmaster: *Karen Mastracchio*; Historian: *Lynn Roberts Grice*



**POETS NORTHWEST
SPRING FLING 2024
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$37.50 Dedicated to my husband, Ken. *Peace*. Free Verse. 35 lines or less. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Angelique Barber.
2. **The June Leap Memorial Award** 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20 Dedicated to June Brown Leap. *Celebrating Life*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Nancy Leap.
3. **The Poetry Award** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25 Dedicated to poets everywhere. *When the poet in me speaks to me*. . . Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
4. **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.
5. **Make Mine Metrical** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Poets Northwest. *Open subject*. Metrical & Rhymed. 1 page limit. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Cheri Bell.
6. **Spirit of the Wolf** 1st \$25 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to my son, William. *A poem expressing appreciation of wolves*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Holly Jahangiri.
7. **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.
8. **The Remembering Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to All dreamers. *Open subject*. Open Form. 28 line limit. Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
9. **Angel Patty Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Patty Davino. *A poem featuring a metaphor*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Forrest Martino.
10. **The President's Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to my favorite poets: Poets Northwest members. *Open subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. *Members of the Poets Northwest chapter only. Sponsored by Mary Creviere Turner.
11. **The Owens Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my sons, Mark and Matt. *Open subject*. Open form. 32 line limit. Sponsored by Michael Owens.
12. **Dactyls & Trochees** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15 *Open subject*. Predominately dactylic meter: (Dum-de-de, Dum-de-de). 36 line limit. Sponsored by Carol Taylor.
13. **Prose Poem Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open subject*. Prose poem. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
14. **The Repetitive Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open subject*. Open repetitive form. Ex: Villanelle, Pantoum, Sestina, Ghazal, etc. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by Eric Blanchard.
15. **Stone River Press Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Open subject*. Open form. 30 line limit. Sponsored by Jackie Pelham.

16. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to all PNW members, past and present. *Open subject*. Open form. 1 page limit; Single column. Sponsored by PNW.
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 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.
19. **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.
20. **The Texas Tale Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 *Something real or fictional that happened in Texas*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Jeff Ward.
21. **The Schwei Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10 Dedicated to Earthlings *Open subject*. *Open form*. 60 line limit. Sponsored by Stephen Schwei.
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. **Brevity** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10 A non-narrative poem on the subject of *Silence* using image and sound devices thoughtfully. 9 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.