

Poets Northwest
38th Annual Spring Fling Poetry Contest – 2025

Poetry Postmark Deadline – March 21, 2025

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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- ✓ Poetry must be original work, unpublished (*unless otherwise specified by sponsor*).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 1. The Baltz Award (continue with as Open categories entered)	Poem Title A Song for Sara

(Originals)

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(Copies)

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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: *Forrest Martino*
Appointees: Webmaster: *Karen Mastracchio*; Historian: *Lynn Roberts Grice*



**POETS NORTHWEST
SPRING FLING 2025
CONTEST CATEGORIES**

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$37.50 Dedicated to Hope, our beautiful Daughter. *Purple*. Open form. 36 lines or less. *Poets Northwest members only. Sponsored by Angelique Barber.
2. **The Poetry Award** 1st \$100, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20 Dedicated to poets everywhere. *Every poem has a purpose*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Frances Johnson.
3. **The June Leap Memorial Award** 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30 Dedicated to June Brown Leap. *Celebrating Life*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Nancy Leap.
4. **The Patty Davino Award** 1st \$30, 2nd \$20 Dedicated to Patty Davino. *False advertising, intentional mis-information, fake news*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Forrest Martino.
5. **The Texas Tale Award** 1st \$30, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$5 *Something real or fictional that happened in Texas*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Jeff Ward.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Cliché Challenge** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Clichés can be considered a form of metaphor, a shorthand for linking an image with an insight. Choose **one** cliché that represents a truth or insight that you want to share. Place this cliché strategically in the poem. 15 line limit. *No rhyming poems. Sponsored by Karen Mastracchio.
10. **The President's Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Dedicated to Don Turner, my husband of nearly 54 years, a faithful, loving, devoted, and resourceful husband, father, and grandfather. *Open subject*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Mary Creviere Turner.
11. **The Owens Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$15 Dedicated to Mark and Matt Owens. *Open subject*. Open form. 30 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 *A poem about, referring to, or inspired by Shakespeare*. Any repetitive form or poem with a refrain. 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 Anne Award** 1st \$25, 2nd \$5 Dedicated to Anne Kirchgraber-McKee. *It's the small things that make a difference*. Free verse. 30 line limit. * No rhyming poems. Sponsored by Jenna Smith.
18. **The Remembering Award** 1st \$25 Dedicated to All dreamers. *Open subject*. Open form. 28 line limit.
Sponsored by Maxine B. Kohanski.
19. **The Miller Memorial Award** 1st \$25 Dedicated to Beaux 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.
20. **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. Sponsored by Lynn Roberts Grice.
21. **The Crossing Borders Award** 1st \$20 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my immigrant family and ancestors. *A poem that captures the nuanced feelings of leaving one's birthplace, family, and friends to call a new country "home."* Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Holly Jahangiri.
22. **Schwei Long Poem Award** 1st \$20, 2nd \$10 *Open subject*. Long poem any form. Minimum 60 lines, maximum 120 lines, not including blank lines. Sponsored by Stephen Schwei.
23. **The Alamo Family Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to my girls – Franchesca & Isabel.
Family. Shakespearian sonnet. 14 line limit. Sponsored by Alina Alamo.
24. **The Walter Joseph Award** 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Dedicated to the memory of Walter Joseph Samp, (KIA in WWII) from his son and grandsons. *Legacy*. Open form. 1 page limit. Sponsored by Don Samp.
25. **Spring Fling Award** 1st \$10 Dedicated to PNW Spring Fling sponsors. *Any instance of "Couldn't do it without you."* Open form. Sponsored by Lynn Roberts Grice.