

2015 MPS Spring Poetry Competition Adult Winner's List

Mississippi Poetry Society 2015 Award Sponsor: MPS, Inc.

- 1st Place: "The Ballad of St. Mary's by the Bay" Linda W. Owen
- 2nd Place: "The Spirit Moves You: A Sestina" Emory Jones
- 3rd Place: "The Mississippi Version of the 'Bell Witch' Legend" Janice Canerdy
- 1st HM: "The Guardian of Lochinvar Plantation" Barbara Blanks
- 2nd HM: "Ghosts of the Slave Cabins" Cherie J. Clark
- 3rd HM (tie): "The story of Stuckey's bridge" Catherine M. Moran
- 3rd HM (tie): "The Ghost in Mississippi" Stedmond Ware

Category 1 MPS President/Past President Award Sponsor: Judy Davies and Brenda Finnegan

- 1st Place: "If I Could Be There" Janice Canerdy
- 2nd Place: "When Grief Speaks" Linda W. Owen
- 3rd Place: "Dreams of Immortality" Catherine M. Moran
- 1st HM: "Stretching for Children" Sara Gipson
- 2nd HM: "Performance Dreams" Barbara Blanks
- 3rd HM: "If I Could Be a Bird" Ruth Richmond

Category 2 MPS South Branch Award Sponsor: MPS, Inc, SB

- 1st Place: "Small Town Assets" Sara Gipson
- 2nd Place: "Escape From Detroit" Barbara Blanks
- 3rd Place: "I'll Stay" Jim Barton
- 1st HM: "Welcome To Our Town" Janice Canerdy
- 2nd HM: "Death of a Small Town" Judy Davies
- 3rd HM: "The Way It Used To Be" Michael Shelton

Category 3 MPS Central Branch Award Sponsor: MPS, Inc, CB

- 1st Place: "Weeping Lu" Vera Ogden Bakker
- 2nd Place: "The Ballad of Four-Eyes Drifter Mose" Barbara Blanks
- 3rd Place: "When Crime Paid" Dalene Stull
- 1st HM: "Ballad of the Buffalo" Von S. Bourland
- 2nd HM: "The Witch of Plum Hollow" Becky Alexander
- 3rd HM: "Reunion Ballad" Ann Carolyn Cates

Category 4 MPS North Branch Award Sponsor: MPS, Inc, NB

- 1st Place: "Practice Will Make it Better" Caroline Walton
- 2nd Place: "The Greatest Love" LaVern Spencer McCarthy
- 3rd Place: "An Ordinary Night" Sandra H. Bounds
- 1st HM: "Live for Today" Beverly Stanislawski
- 2nd HM: "Whispers" Linda W. Owen
- 3rd HM: "Moon" Dalene Stull

Category 5 Winklebleck's Choice Award: (In Memory of Mary Winklebleck) Sponsor: Barbara Blanks

- 1st Place: "Don't Put My Old Dog Down" Lee Pelham Cotton
- 2nd Place: "Paper Hearts" Colleen Mowrey
- 3rd Place: "Sometimes I Could Just Scream" Becky Alexander
- 1st HM: "The Dance of Creation" John Paul Hartnedy
- 2nd HM: "At the Seniors Dance" Lavern Spencer McCarthy
- 3rd HM: "Through a Glass Darkly" Jim Barton

Category 6 Carolyn McDermott Memorial Award Sponsor: Elaine McDermott

- 1st Place: "Ted Kooser Paints his Grandmother With Words" Jim Barton
- 2nd Place: "Vaudeville Lil" Lee Pelham Cotton
- 3rd Place: "It Might Have Been Yesterday" Linda Banks
- (no HM)

Category 7 Richmond Award, Sponsor Ruth Richmond

- 1st Place: "Following the Trails" Catherine M. Moran
- 2nd Place: "Trails" Grace Fletcher
- 3rd Place: "Columbia Winds" Gail Denham
- 1st HM: "Turnings" Linda W. Owen
- 2nd HM: "Frost's Footprints" Beverly Stanislawski
- 3rd HM: "Wrong Turn" Philip L. Levin

Category 8 Quincy Long (Master Gardner) Memorial Award Sponsor: Betty Malone

- 1st Place: "Silent Cutting" Catherine M. Moran
- 2nd Place: "Tomato Vines" Elizabeth Howard
- 3rd Place: "Spring Loaded" Barbara Blanks
- 1st HM: "Almost Here" Becky Alexander
- (no 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 9 Cumberland Award Sponsor: Elizabeth Howard

- 1st Place: "Falling" Jim Barton
- 2nd Place: "Trapped in the Wreckage of That Day" Brenda Finnegan
- 3rd Place: "Prairie Mountain Range" Linda Banks
- 1st HM: "Unveiling" Sandra H. Bounds
- 2nd HM: "Woodward Opera House" Dalene Stull
- 3rd HM: "Mission Bells" Ann Carolyn Cates

Category 10 CSA Memorial Award Sponsor: Taylor-Wright Corp.

- 1st Place: "Jefferson Davis, Man of Pain" Barbara Blanks
- 2nd Place: "A Tribute to Senator Major General Edward Cary Walthall" Linda W. Owen
- 3rd Place: "Beauvoir" Michael Shelton
- 1st HM: "Honoring Heroes" Ann Carolyn Cates
- 2nd HM: "Edward Cary Walthall" Sara Gipson
- 3rd HM: "How Col. Jefferson Davis Made His Bones" James E. O'Loughlin

Category 11 Narrative Poem Award Sponsor: Janice Canerdy

- 1st Place: "The Ballad of Barefoot Hill" Jim Barton
- 2nd Place: "Ice Cream for the Queens of Clean" Lee Pelham Cotton
- 3rd Place: "Dally Up" LaVern Spencer McCarthy
- 1st HM: "My Only View of Paris" Sara Gipson
- 2nd HM: "The Ballad of Barn Raising" Dalene Stull
- 3rd HM: "Mammoth of Mexico" John Paul Hartnedy

Category 12 Charles and Dorothy Little Memorial Award Sponsor: Tommy Little

- 1st Place: "In Passing" Barbara Blanks
- 2nd Place: "Blue Ball Mason Jars" Gail Denham
- 3rd Place: "Rain Wouldn't Come" Philip L. Levin
- 1st HM: "Schoolwork Setting Defined" Liz Ferguson
- 2nd HM: "A Time to Live and Then Depart" Judy Davies
- 3rd HM: (entry withdrawn)

Category 13 Dave Butkovich Memorial Award Sponsor: Patty Butkovich

- 1st Place: "Lady" Linda W. Owen
- 2nd Place: "Jelly Roll Jazz" Barbara Blanks
- 3rd Place: "Soul Song" Emory Jones
- 1st HM: "The Jazz Man" Michael Shelton
- 2nd HM: "All That Jazz" Judy Davies
- 3rd HM: "Life Celebrated on the Up Beat" Caroline Walton

Category 14 Cherokee Heritage Award Sponsor: Von S. Bourland

- 1st Place: "A Stain in History" Sara Gipson
 - 2nd Place: "The Trail of Tears" Barbara Blanks
 - 3rd Place: "The Place Where They Cried" Ann Carolyn Cates
 - 1st HM: "The Cherokee Dirge" Philip L. Levin
- (No 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 15 Poets Anonymous Award Sponsor: Jim Booth

- 1st Place: "Whale's Dance" Von S. Bourland
- 2nd Place: "Ancient Mariners" Barbara Blanks
- 3rd Place: "See View" Emory Jones
- 1st HM: "Deep Waters" Philip L. Levin
- 2nd HM: "Navigating" Janice Canerdy
- 3rd HM: "A Spring Façade" Dorothy Rogers

**Category 16 The Caden Award Sponsor: Mick Dennington and Ann Carolyn Cates
(for convention attendees only)**

- 1st Place: "Grandpa's Barn" Judy Davies
2nd Place: "Careless" Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: "My Dreams" James E. O'Loughlin
(no HM)

Category 17 George and Lois Estes Memorial Award Sponsor: Wynne Huddleston

- 1st Place: "Remembered Love" LaVern Spencer McCarthy
2nd Place: "Dreams Do Come True" Caroline Walton
3rd Place: "Wind Chimes" Sara Gipson
(no HM)

Category 18 Gulf Coast Writers Award Sponsor: Gulf Coast Authors

- 1st Place: "The Muppet Man" Marilyn Joyner
2nd Place: "Opera's Enchantress" Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: "Thomas Holt, a Postwar Merchant in Natchez" Sara Gipson
1st HM: "Yazoo City Salesman, Zig Ziglar" Barbara Blanks
2nd HM: "Our 'Million Dollar Baby' " Ann Carolyn Cates"
3rd HM: "Walter Inglis Anderson" Judy Davies

Category 19 Barron and Dessie Caulfield Memorial Award Sponsor: Dorothy Wiman

- 1st Place: "Garden Club" Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd Place: "Lover's Quarrel" Jim Barton
3rd Place: "He Plays a Flute in Istanbul" LaVern Spencer McCarthy
1st HM: "Clocks" Judy Davies
(no 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 20 Grandfathers Award Sponsor: Emory D. Jones

- 1st Place: "Blue Sky and Green Leafy Trees" Patricia Butkovich
2nd Place: "Granddad's Girl" Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: "First Grandchild" Gail Denham
1st HM: "Vassals" Sandra H. Bounds
2nd HM: "Grandpa's Revival" LaVern Spencer McCarthy
3rd HM: "Riding 4 Seated Bike in August Circa 1948" Liz Ferguson

2015 MPS Spring Poetry Competition Student Winner's List

Category 21 The Student Awards

Level 1- Grades 1-3

1st place - Aaliyah Allen - "The Snowman that Drank Hot Cocoa" \$15

2nd place - Mikala Townsend - "My Winter Goats" \$10

3rd place - Christopher Isom, Jr. - "Mommy" \$5

HM1 - Brianna Cook - "Five Little Snowflakes"

HM2 - Emily Terrell - "The First Time at the Ocean"

HM3 - Levi Holliman - "Winter Skating"

Level 2 - Grades 4-5

1st place - Cade Mangum - "Winter Fun" \$15

2nd place - Keenan Selman - "My Colorful Snowball" \$10

3rd place - Eva Swann - "Winter Woods" \$5

HM1 - Chelsea Durr - "Food"

HM2 - Ethan Bunty - "My Soccer Moment"

HM3 - Alyssa McMullan - "A Winter Day"

Level 3 - Grades 6-8

1st place - Christian Glover - "Satan" \$15

2nd place - Dustin Burkhardt - "TRex" \$10

No other entries in category

Level 4 - Grades 9-12

1st place - John Paul Hartnedy - "As I Walk with the Moon" \$25

No other entries in category

Level 5 - College Undergraduates

1st place - Brittany Phillips - "How Does the Raven Fly" \$25

2nd place - Ciera Anthony - "Nevermore" \$15

3rd place - Jasmine N. McGhee - "Lament" \$10

No other entries in category