

## 2016 MPS SPRING POETRY CONTEST ADULT WINNER'S LIST

### Mississippi Poetry Society 2016 Award (Judge: Jim Barton)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Beneath the Abaya" *Dorothy Rogers*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Affirmation to Humanity" *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Refugees" *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Tiny Souls" *Patty Butkovich*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Right To Be Human" *Barbara Blanks*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "I Have a Dream" *Von S. Bourland*

### Category #1 – MPS President/Past President Award (Judges: Judy Davies & Brenda Finnegan)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "The creative forge" *Catherine Moran*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Unbelief Coupled with Grief" *Patty Butkovich*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Diary of an Empty Page" *Ruth F. Richmond*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Glenda" *Dr. Emory D. Jones*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Cloud Break" *Doris Jones*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Bird by Bird" *Barbara Blanks*

### Category #2 – MPS South Branch Award (Judge: Barbara Moss)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Memories Glisten in the Lights" *Patty Butkovich*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Sea and the Shore" *Stedmond Ware*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "I Still Believe in Santa" *Linda Watson Owen*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Cutting Down the Christmas Tree" *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Lane to Yesterday" *Becky Alexander*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Lesson From Childhood" *Jerri Hardesty*

### Category #3 – MPS Central Branch Award (Judge: Dierdre Payne)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Under the Sun" *Jerri Hardesty*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Plow in the Snow" *Elaine McDermott*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Viewing History" *Sara Gipson*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Weaving a Pantoum" *Barbara Blanks*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Rising Son" *Von S. Bourland*

### Category #4 – MPS North Branch Award (Judge: Carol Hogan)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Endless Cycle" *Dorothy Rogers*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Fire Breath" *Philip L. Levin*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Winter Winds" *Sandra H. Bounds*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Sweet Blind Child" *Grace A. Fletcher*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Political Piper" *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Rainbow Promise" *Patty Butkovich*

### Category #5 – Fill in the Blanks Award (Judge: Barbara Blanks)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Fountain of Youth" *Jerri Hardesty*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "In and Out" *Tanya R. Whitney*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Without Me...And You" *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- HM: "Bearing Witness" *Doris Jones*

**Category #6 – Ruth Richmond Award (Judge: Ruth Richmond)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Portrait of Nature” *Micki Freels*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Paintbrushed Fields” *Judy Davies*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Farm Bred” *Sara Gipson*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Fields of Different Kinds” *Mary Alice Higgs*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Fields of Green” *Tanya R. Whitney*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Family Farm” *Jeanne S. Kelly*

**Category #7 – Narrative Poem Award (Judge: Janice Canerdy)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Me-Too! And the Bridge Troll” *Lee Pelham Cotton*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Ballad of Prisoner Blues” *Barbara Blanks*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Saving Lee” *Vera Ogden Bakker*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “After He Slams Out the Door” *Madelyn Eastlund*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Revenged the Deaths” *Philip L. Levin*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “The Race” *Michael Shelton*

**Category #8 – Cherokee Heritage Award (Judge: Von S. Bourland)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Bitter Wine” *Michael Shelton*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Walking the Trail” *Jerri Hardesty*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Cherokee on the Trail of Tears” *Sara Gipson*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “The Trail Where They Cried” *Barbara Blanks*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Behold These Bones” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Trail of Tears” *Judy Davies*

**Category #9 – Enduring Love Award (Judge: Elaine McDermott)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “One-Two-Three Loves ABC” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “My Lady's Love” *Lee Pelham Cotton*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Love for a Lifetime” *Judy Davies*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Cycles of Love” *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Cotillion” *Jane Blanchard*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Your Guitar” *Patty Butkovich*

**Category #10 – Mick Denington Memorial Award (Judge: Marilyn Denington)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy” *Mary Alice Higgs*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Prayer for America” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Tribute to a Hero” *Micki Freels*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “His Patriotic Duty” *Philip L. Levin*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Desert Storm” *Dorothy Rogers*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Freedom to Vote” *Sara Gipson*

**Category #11 – Gulf Coast Writers Association Award (Judge: Philip L. Levin)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Night Shift” *Doris Jones*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “A Good Mystery” *Patty Butkovich*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “John Grisham” *Janice Canerdy*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Seeing the world through Natasha” *Catherine Moran*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Faulkner in Bronze” *Jeanne S. Kelly*

**Category #12 – Charles and Dorothy Little Memorial Award (Judge: Tommy Little)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Rent house” *Catherine Moran*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Family Truth” *Gail Denham*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Making Time” *Barbara Blanks*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Words on Words” *Doris Jones*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Gas Station, Somewhere U.S.A.” *Madelyn Eastlund*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Awakening” *Linda Watson Owen*

**Category #13 – Gloss Award (Judge: Dr. Emory D. Jones)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Losing Soul” *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “War at My Pasture Fence” *Sara Gipson*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Midnight Melody” *Dorothy Rogers*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “An Enslaved Woman Visiting Antebellum Boston” *Lee Pelham Cotton*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Lovely Light” *Sandra H. Bounds*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “A Sadder Light” *Vera Ogden Bakker*

**Category #14 – Grandfather's Award (Judge: Dr. Emory D. Jones)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “From Dr. Seuss to Robert Frost” *Barbara Blanks*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Pop in Wonderland” *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Finally...” *Doris Jones*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Grandpa's Revival” *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Whetstones” *Jerri Hardesty*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “More Now Than Ever” *Michael Shelton*

**Category #15 – Poetry for Children Award (Judge: Douglas Taylor)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Fall Off The Wall” *Elaine McDermott*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Conversation” *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Mackenzie the Mouse” *Von S. Bourland*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Saturday Celebration” *Caroline Walton*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Halloween Moon” *Dr. Emory D. Jones*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “My Shadow” *Judy Davies*

**2016 MPS SPRING POETRY CONTEST STUDENT WINNER'S LIST**

**Level #2 – Grades 4 and 5 (Judges: Judy Davies and Brenda Finnegan)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Praise God” *Caleb Castile*
- No other entries in category

**Level #4 – Grades 9 – 12 (Judges: Judy Davies and Brenda Finnegan)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “On Mary Cassat's *Child in a Straw Hat*” *Nicole Horstemeyer (10<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Night Terror” *Erin Butler (11<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Anticipation” *Isaac Buckner (9<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- HM: “Force” *Ashley Hurssey (12<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- No other entries in category

