

2017 MPS SPRING POETRY CONTEST ADULT WINNER'S LIST

Congratulations to the Best of the Fest Award Winner: Barbara Blanks of Texas. Barbara is a fine poet, a member of MPS, and a sponsor as well.

Category #1 – Mississippi Poetry Society 2017 Award

- 1st Place: “Red, Hot and Blue Delta” *Linda Treat*
- 2nd Place: “Babysitting Blues” *Michael Shelton*
- 3rd Place: “Muddy Waters, Mojo Man” *Jeanne S. Kelly*
- 1st HM: “Days without Love” *Russell H. Strauss*
- 2nd HM: “Pouring Out His Soul” *Ann Carolyn Cates*
- 3rd HM: “Blues Heritage” *Emory D. Jones*

Category #2 – MPS Past Presidents' Award

- 1st Place: “Balm for Sorrow's Ache” *Sandra H. Bounds*
- 2nd Place: “My Living Room” *Janice Canerdy*
- 3rd Place: “Love Songs in the Park” *Caroline Walton*
- 1st HM: “Home of My Childhood” *Joyce Shiver*
- 2nd HM: “An Ode to Frost” *Michael Shelton*
- 3rd HM: “Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Sassafras Tea” *Dalene Stull*

Category #3 – MPS North Branch Award

- 1st Place: “Muddy Waters – Blues With Heat” *Judy Davies*
- 2nd Place: “We're Not Just Known for Sweet Tea and Southern Charm” *Mary Alice Higgs*
- 3rd Place: “We Together” *Michael Shelton*
- 1st HM: “Hernando Desoto's Mississippi” *Linda Treat*
- 2nd HM: “Eudora” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3rd HM: “Big Joe Williams” *Sara Gipson*

Category #4 – MPS Central Branch Award

- 1st Place: “Filled With Empty” *Barbara Blanks*
- 2nd Place: “The Blues Will Sing” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 3rd Place: “A Wounded Warrior Battles Holly Bushes” *Russell H. Strauss*
- 1st HM: “A Different Thanksgiving” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
- 2nd HM: “Morning Miracle” *Emory D. Jones*
- 3rd HM: “In My Dreams” *Mary Alice Higgs*

Category #5 – MPS South Branch Award

- 1st Place: “I Sing of Mississippi” *Linda Watson Owen*
- 2nd Place: “Mississippi Memories” *Emory D. Jones*
- 3rd Place: “Why Celebrate?” *Judy Davies*
- 1st HM: “Visions of the 2017 MS Bicentennial Celebration” *Ruth F. Richmond*
- 2nd HM: “Mississippi's Bicentennial” *Janice Canerdy*
- 3rd HM: “From the Kings to the Coast” *Michael Shelton*

Category #6 – Hell, Fire and Brimstone Award

- 1st Place: “Hell” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
- 2nd Place: “Approaching Jerusalem” *Patricia Butkovich*
- 3rd Place: “Troubled Mind Gloss” *Jeanne S. Kelly*

- 1st HM: "Heaven or Hell" *Sara Gipson*
2nd HM: "Mephistophilis" *Emory D. Jones*
3rd HM: "Hell" *Janice Canerdy*

Category #7 – Gulf Coast Authors Award

- 1st Place: "Adverbity" *Linda Watson Owen*
2nd Place: "Adverbial" *Jerri Hardesty*
3rd Place: "Adverbially Speaking" *Barbara Blanks*
1st HM: "Don't Forget the Adverbs" *Janice Canerdy*
2nd HM: "The Ayes Have It for Adverbs" *Von S. Bourland*
3rd HM: "Mad Libs" *Mark Hudson*

Category #8 – Henry Clay Anderson Memorial Award

- 1st Place: "Stepping Out with Neil Armstrong" *Barbara Blanks*
2nd Place: "Veteran" *Becky Alexander*
3rd Place: "Max's Job" *Judy Davies*
1st HM: "The Patriot" *Emory D. Jones*
2nd HM: "Tomboy" *Jerri Hardesty*

Category #9 – Grands Award

- 1st Place: "Birthday" *Doris Jones*
2nd Place: "Grandma Muses While Watching Young Women" *Madelyn Eastlund*
3rd Place: "Leaving it to someone else" *Catherine Moran*
1st HM: "Grandpa's Wisdom" *Judy Davies*
2nd HM: "Afternoon Scholar" *Jeanne S. Kelly*
3rd HM: "Grandchildren" *Jerri Hardesty*

Category #10 – Ekphrastic Poems Award

- 1st Place: "A Letter to Vincent" *Von S. Bourland*
2nd Place: "A Poet's Brush" *Jeanne S. Kelly*
3rd Place: "Cape Cod Evening" *Madelyn Eastlund*
1st HM: "Starry Night 4" *Jerri Hardesty*
2nd HM: "Lions and Tigers? Oh my!" *Russell H. Strauss*
3rd HM: "A Sunday Afternoon" *Philip L. Levin*

Category #11 – Gertrude Smith Memorial Award

- 1st Place: "The Yeagers" *Barbara Blanks*
2nd Place: "Anniversary Gift" *Doris Jones*
3rd Place: "Forgotten with the Coffee Can" *Sara Gipson*
1st HM: "Never say 'Never Again'" *Philip L. Levin*
2nd HM: "A Part of You" *Dalene Stull*
3rd HM: "Letter from Your Pack Horse Lover" *Russell H. Strauss*

Category #12 – Ruth Richmond Award

- 1st Place: "Open the Gate" *Emory D. Jones*
2nd Place: "Hinges; Many Forms- Many Types" *Grace Fletcher*
3rd Place: "Thought Upon Thought" *Linda Watson Owen*
1st HM: "The keeper of the door" *Catherine Moran*
2nd HM: "Teamwork" *Lori Anne Goetz*

3rd HM: "Rusty Hinges" *Sara Gipson*

Category #13 – Ogden Nash Award

1st Place: "Washday Lament" *Russell H. Strauss*
2nd Place: "A Lesson Learned" *Joyce Shiver*
3rd Place: "If Ebola Dud'N' Gitcha" *Tommy Little*
1st HM: "Diet Disaster" *Dalene Stull*
2nd HM: "Dissertation on Peanut Butter" *Judy Davies*
3rd HM: "You Can't Unsay It!" *Jeanne S. Kelly*

Category #14 – Barron and Dessie Caulfield Memorial Award

1st Place tie: "Nature's Ballet" *Sandra H. Bounds*
1st Place tie: "Mangrove Haven" *Von S. Bourland*
2nd Place: "When the Song Seems Sweetest" *Russell H. Strauss*
3rd Place: "Hear the Echo of the Christmas Bells" *Edna Earle Crews*
1st HM: "We'll Never Know" *Joyce Shiver*
2nd HM: "Will and Testament" *Emory D. Jones*
3rd HM: "The Tears Come Quickly" *John W. Crawford*

Category #15 – Pantoum Challenge Award

1st Place: "The Rising Son" *Von S. Bourland*
2nd Place: "Pullet Surprise" *Barbra Blanks*
3rd Place: "Forte of the Soul" *Linda Watson Owen*
1st HM: "Bonds of Love" *Judy Davies*
2nd HM: "Mother Nature" *Linda C. Zebert*

Category #16 – Narrative Award

1st Place: "Song of the Deep" *Linda Watson Owen*
2nd Place: "It's Show Time" *Philip L. Levin*
3rd Place: "She Devil" *Jerri Hardesty*
1st HM: "To a Time Remembered" *Judy Davies*
2nd HM: "Odysseus' Tale" *John W. Crawford*
3rd HM: "Faulkner, the Arkansas Traveler" *Sara Gipson*

Category #17 – Deadly Sin Pantoum

1st Place: "Seeds of Greed" *Sara Gipson*
2nd Place: "The Pantoum You Would Be Too Lazy to Write" *Russell H. Strauss*
3rd Place: "God Bless Us, Every One!" *Linda Watson Owen*
1st HM: "Fall from Grace" *Elaine McDermott*
2nd HM: "Election 2016" *Judy Davies*
3rd HM: "All Is Vanity" *Mary Alice Higgs*

Category #18 – Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award

1st Place: "Spectral" *Doris Jones*
2nd Place: "It's Been Almost a Year" *Barbara Blanks*
3rd Place: "Hope" *Sara Gipson*
1st HM: "Objections" *Lori Anne Goetz*
2nd HM: "Heroic Effort" *Von S. Bourland*

Category #19 – Norman Harvey Memorial Award

- 1st Place: “Murder in Autumn Forest” *Sara Gipson*
2nd Place: “Sonnet of Murder Creek” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
3rd Place: “Tea Party” *Russell H. Strauss*
1st HM: “A Fool from Her Honey Is Soon Departed” *Barbara Blanks*
2nd HM: “Random Victim” *Dalene Stull*

Category #20 – A. Estelle Harrington Memorial Award

- 1st Place: “Toward a Claim of Joy” *Ruth F. Richmond*
2nd Place: “An Old Man's Role Reversal Lament” *Russell H. Strauss*
3rd Place: “Looking Back” *Joyce Shiver*
1st HM: “Senior Options” *Judy Davies*
2nd HM: “Writing into old age” *Catherine Moran*
3rd HM: “Geezerhood Is My New Neighborhood” *Barbara Blanks*

Category #21 – Shelton Broken Leg Award

- 1st Place: “Remnants From the Past” *Ann Carolyn Cates*
2nd Place: “The Aged Strive” *Janice Canerdy*
3rd Place: “Cheers to America” *Barbara Blanks*
1st HM: “Gift” *Dalene Stull*
2nd HM: “A New Home” *Philip L. Levin*
3rd HM: “Requiem for an Obsolete Computer” *Judy Davies*

Category #22 – Eureka Award

- 1st Place: “The Sea” *Michael Shelton*
2nd Place: “Ode to Love” *Douglas Taylor*
3rd Place: “A talk with a star” *Catherine Moran*
1st HM: “Blessings” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
2nd HM: “What kind of Crab are you?” *Suzanne Nelson*
3rd HM: “So Long Ago” *Tommy Little*

Category #23 – Winklebleck Choice Award

- 1st Place: “So Easily When It Rains...” *Linda Watson Owen*
2nd Place: “First Rejection Notice” *Russell H. Strauss*
3rd Place: “Caterwauling Diva” *Von S. Bourland*
1st HM: “We Rule” *Janice Canerdy*
2nd HM: “It Had to Be ...” *John W. Crawford*
3rd HM: “Tasteless Words” *Patricia Butkovich*

Category #24 – Jessica Manzo Award

- 1st Place: “A Day in the Life” *Janice Canerdy*
2nd Place: “My Mom” *Jerri Hardesty*
3rd Place: “The Night Shift” *Philip L. Levin*
1st HM: “Assembly Required” *Barbara Blanks*

Category #25 – Fun Night Awards

- 1st Place Favorite Movie: “The Rose Tattoo” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
HM Favorite Movie: “Pirates of the Competition” *Linda Watson Owen*
HM Favorite Movie: “Nightmare on the Cape” *Michael Shelton*

1st Place Favorite Sport: "Casey Returns to the Bat" *Russell H. Strauss*
1st Place Favorite Holiday: "Fat Tuesday" *Ann Carolyn Cates*

2017 MPS SPRING POETRY CONTEST STUDENT WINNER'S LIST

Level #1 – Grades 1 - 3

1st Place: "Raegan" *Eliza Durdin*
2nd Place: "Dogs" *Corey Burns*
3rd Place: "Dinosaurs" *Jackson Clark*
1st HM: "The World Around Me" *Jack Price*
2nd HM: "I never seen a Dolphin" *Kyra Marshall*
3rd HM: "The Swings" *Amira Harper*

Level #2 – Grades 4 and 5

1st Place: "The Cat" *Cate McCrory*
2nd Place: "The Months" *Sarah Neely Grantham*
3rd Place: "Life" *Joshua Braman*
1st HM: "How Could They?" *Anna Lee Sceroler*
2nd HM: "Horses" *Malee Davidson*
3rd HM: "Trees" *Josh Allen*

Level #3 – Grades 6 - 8

1st Place: "Teens" *Ava Mullen*
2nd Place: "Athena" *Ava Wages*
3rd Place: "Trees" *Will Grogan*
1st HM: "Snow" *Remy Jones*
2nd HM: "Dance" *Ella Hall Bounds*
3rd HM: "Summer" *Whit Anderson*

Level #4 – Grades 9 – 12

1st Place: "In the Light" *Haley Sliker*
2nd Place: "The Dandelion" *Jordan Walker*
3rd Place: "Daydream" *Kendall Willeford*
1st HM: "Naughty or Nice" *Mary Catherine Kalil*

Level #5 – College Undergraduates

1st Place: "Midnight Laundry" *Alexandria B. Crout*
2nd Place: "Peculiar Occurrence" *Victoria Nulph*
3rd Place: "Thirty-Eight" *Amber Hargett*
1st HM: "Christmas Eve Constantly" *Sarah Ann Michael*
2nd HM: "muse: a collection of dedication poems . poem #4 (neuf.9.nine)"
Montavius Jones