

## 2018 MPS SPRING POETRY ADULT CONTEST WINNERS' LIST

### 2018 Best of the Fest Award: Judy Davies

#### Category #1 – Mississippi Poetry Society 2018 Award (24 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Mississippi Soul” *Faith Garbin*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Down from the Hills” *Doris Jones*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “A Taste of Mississippi Music and Dance” *Janice Canerdy*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Mississippi Couple” *Mary Beth Magee*

#### Category #2 – President's Award (26 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Trees for Me” *Mary Lee Terry*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Through the Eyes of a Child” *Von S. Bourland*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “A Woman with *Joie de Vivre*” *Barbara Blanks*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Morning” *Elaine McDermott*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Story of the White Picket Fence” *Ann Carolyn Cates*

#### Category #3 – Past Presidents' Award (16 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Poems Left Behind” *Ann Carolyn Cates*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Seasons” *Linda W. Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “The Caregiver Difference” *Mary Beth Magee*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Ruth's Piety” *Patricia Butkovich*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Off-Season” *Lori Ann Goetz*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Herodias' Revenge” *Elaine McDermott*

#### Category #4 – MPS North Branch Award (13 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Stumbling into love once more” *Catherine Moran*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “On Wings of Eagles” *Von S. Bourland*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Deceptions” *Barbara Blanks*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Revisiting the Farm” *Ann Carolyn Cates*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Sonnet of the Gift of Creation” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Kleptokitty” *Judy Davies*

#### Category #5 – MPS Central Branch Award (23 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Capricious Muse” *Elaine McDermott*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Memory's Journey” *Linda W. Owen*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Rusted Memories” *Ann Carolyn Cates*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Earth on Fire” *Dorothy Rogers*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Winter Warmth” *Doris Jones*

#### Category #6 – MPS Central Branch Belhaven Award (28 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “A Late Whipping” *Tommy Little*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “The Sacred and Profane” *Dorothy Rogers*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Mistaken Affinity” *Linda W. Owen*
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Walking His Path” *Sara Gipson*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Awakening" *Mary Beth Magee*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "While Sitting in My Yard" *Joyce Boyd*

**Category #7 – MPS South Branch Award (22 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "The Rage is On" *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Change is for Coke Machines" *Barbara Blanks*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Crossword Interference" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "One of Those Flights" *Lori Anne Goetz*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Looking at teens" *Catherine Moran*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "We'll Never Know" *Joyce Shiver*

**Category #8 – Grands Award (29 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Rainbows" *Dennis R. Patton*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Fairy Tales" *Jerri Hardesty*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Keeping Eyes on the Prize" *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "The Final Cut" *Jeanne S. Kelly*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Grandpa's New Life" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Grandma's Off Her Rocker" *Barbara Blanks*

**Category #9 – Ekphrastic Award (31 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Girl at Sewing Machine" *Faith Garbin*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Panel 47E" *Steven Leitch*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Persephone" *Mark Hudson*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Laundresses by a Stream" *Elaine McDermott*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Aristocracy Challenged" *Judy Davies*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "The Old Man and His Grandson By the Sea" *Ruth F. Richmond*

**Category #10 – Kathy McCall Memorial Award (21 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "In Quiet Moments" *Doris Jones*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Looking back" *Catherine Moran*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "What I Remember Where I Grew Up" *Dennis R. Patton*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "What I Love About the South" *Avie Anna Massey*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Capturing the South" *Judy Davies*

**Category #11 – Quincy Long Memorial Award (23 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "How to Bury a Garden" *Sara Gipson*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Debut" *Philip Levin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Near the edge" *Catherine Moran*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Spring Pruning" *Lori Anne Goetz*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Hoe-Hoe Down a Row" *Von S. Bourland*

**Category #12 – Burnham Drugs Award (38 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Jonesborough" *Jeanne S. Kelly*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Something Special" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Moore, Oklahoma 2013" *Nick Sweet*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Bagpipes at My Funeral" *Stephen Leitch*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Lake of the Pines" *John B. Jolly*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Baker Street" *Joyce Shiver*

**Category #13 – It's A Beautiful Morning! (39 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "I Will Dox You" *Stephen L. Curry*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Stars of Her Galaxy" *Thomas Brunt*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Sometimes Silence" *Linda W. Owen*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Moonlight and Shrimpboats" *Brenda Brown Finnegan*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Beauty, Beauty" *Mackenzie Ryals*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Church Steeples" *Janice Canerdy*

**Category #14 – Ruth Richmond Award (26 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Give Me Books or Give Me—More Books" *Barbara Blanks*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Companionship of Books" *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Coffee Shop Observation" *Judy Davies*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Escape Ticket" *Mary Beth Magee*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Best Friends" *Philip Levin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Favorite Two Books" *Grace Fletcher*

**Category #15 – Narrative Poem Award (22 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Paddy's Pub" *Joyce Shiver*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "While Waiting to Elope" *Sara Gipson*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "The Last Room at the Inn" *Steven Leitch*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Revening the Deaths" *Philip Levin*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Ballad of Katrina" *Brenda Brown Finnegan*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "The Price Of My Tomato" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*

**Category #16 – Coastal Insurance Award (12 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "My Tropical Vacation" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Coasting" *Jerri Hardesty*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Close Encounters of the Best Kind" *Barbara Blanks*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Call of the Coast" *Linda W. Owen*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Visiting the Coast" *Judy Davies*

**Category #17 – Winklebleck's Choice Award (47 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Those Grimm facts of life" *Catherine Moran*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Dust" *Beth Staas*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Scent" *Steven Leitch*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Imagine Impatiens" *Dennis R. Patton*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Nature of the Beast" *John B. Jolly*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Words" *Janice Canerdy*

**Category #18 – James George/Jefferson Davis Award (13 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Robert E. Lee and Traveller" *Dennis R. Patton*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Lessons Lost in Time" *Mary Beth Magee*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "The Battle Continues" *Ann Carolyn Cates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: "The Toppling of History" *Tanya R. Whitney*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Another Statue Falls" *Linda W. Owen*

**Category #19 – Medieval Theme Award (11 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Slayeth the Beast" *Philip Levin*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Teach Us to Dream" *Linda W. Owen*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Faith Doesn't Waiver" *Judy Davies*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "A Lady's Knight" *Sara Gipson*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Prince Knight" *Jerri Hardesty*

**Category# 20 – Psychological Theme Award (43 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "A Gunman's Mind" *Judy Davies*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "A Shell to a Teacher" *Kestyn Williams*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Empyrean" *Brenda Brown Finnegan*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Sun Soaked" *Debbie Little*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Old Age" *Tommy Little*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Treachery" *Angel Cook*

**Category #21 – Calvary-Its Meaning Award (20 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Perfection Persecuted" *Von S. Bourland*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Calvary" *Janice Canerdy*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Awake and Sing for Joy" *Barbara Blanks*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Crucifixion of Jesus" *Sara Gipson*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Calvary's Call" *Linda W. Owen*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "Where the Pangs of Death Became Victory" *Ruth F. Richmond*

**Category #22 – Scarlett Jo Award (13 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Kid Capers" *Linda W. Owen*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The End of Summer" *Barbara Blanks*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "When Daddy Puts the Kids to Bed" *Dennis R. Patton*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Eyes for Details" *Doris Jones*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "The Passage True" *Philip Levin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: "The Mardi Gras Parade" *Mary Lee Terry*

**Category #23 – GCWA Award (19 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Go Now and Play" *Janice Canerdy*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Time Limits" *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Because the World is So Filled with Sin" *Michael Shelton*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "Star Quality" *Jerri Hardesty*

**Category #24 – Barron & Dessie Caulfield Memorial Award (22 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Garden Club" *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Villanelle of the Angora Goat" *Dennis R. Patton*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "The Dance of Love" *Jerri Hardesty*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: "A Teacher Teaches the Magic of Poetry" *Judy Davies*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "While Shadows Creep" *LaVern Spencer McCarthy*

**Category #25 – J. Manzo Award (9 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Begin to Begin” *Jerri Hardesty*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Garden Mysteries” *Linda W. Owen*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Divine Inspiration vs. Science” *Judy Davies*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: “Anniversaries” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Highway Refresher Course” *Ann Carolyn Cates*

**Category #26 – James Edward Crow Memorial Award (17 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Thank You” *Kestyn Williams*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “Hope” *Brenda Brown Finnegan*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “A Toast to the police” *Catherine Moran*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: “All in a Day's Work” *Jerri Hardesty*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “The Hardest Part of the Job” *Philip Levin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “An Angel” *Tanya R. Whitney*

**Category #27 – Neil and Marcia Mullaney Award (14 entries)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: “Springtime in Waltham” *Judy Davies*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: “A New England Spring” *Tanya R. Whitney*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Larking About Massachusetts” *Barbara Blanks*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: “When Nature Comes Alive” *Ann Carolyn Cates*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: “Springtime in New England” *Grace Fletcher*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: “Witness” *Doris Jones*