

# *The Magnolia Muse*



Newsletter of the Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc.

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Greetings Members and Friends:

Members met in October via Zoom to conduct the annual required business meeting and new state officers were elected and installed. They are as follows:

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Thank you for electing us. We are here to serve you and are working to keep MPS together during this most unusual year of the pandemic, hurricanes and other disasters!

The 2021 Poetry Contests for Students and Adults are ready. They are posted on the website, [misspoetry.net](http://misspoetry.net), and attached to this newsletter. Please print a copy for yourself and, also, forward it to anyone you know who may be interested in entering. Since the virus still has many of our normal activities curtailed; we should all have more time to write. We

have 23 sponsored categories and lots of prize money to be awarded this year. Be sure to check it out.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the following members who reported receiving awards and having some of their work recently published. They are:

Brenda Finnegan, two awards for her poems from the Poets Roundtable of Arkansas contest in October. As our 2020-2021 Poet of the Year, she wants to remind you that she still has copies of her chapbook, "Horn Island Vista" for sale (\$13 each, paid to MPS). Information to order is posted on the website. (President's Note: Its an excellent read, well worth the investment.)

Janice Canerdy, an award from the Missouri State Poetry Society Contest, 2 poems published in *Lighten Up Online*, March and June issues, 1 poem published in the *Light Poetry Magazine* online, April issue, 1 poem published in the *Westward Quarterly*, Spring issue, 1 poem that received an HM in the Rebecca Lard Contest and was published in the *Poetry Quarterly*, Spring issue, 1 poem published by the *Society of Classical Poets* on line, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 poem published online by *Your Daily Poem*, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Emory Jones has been busy! I pasted the list of all his awards here since it is so lengthy. That's very impressive, we are proud of your accomplishments, Emory.

"Haiku Sequence" was published in *Halcyon Days* #18, 2020 summer issue.

"Forest Shadows" was published in *Halcyon Days* #18, 2020 summer issue.

"Sunset" was published in *Halcyon Days* #18, 2020 summer issue.

"Christina's World" was published in *The Light Ekphrastic* Issue 43, August 22, 2020.

"Galaxy" was published in *The Light Ekphrastic* Issue 43, August 22, 2020.

"English Teacher, or an Institutional Nightmare" was published in *Five-Two Poetry* August 30-September 6, 2020

"Her Photograph" was published in *Jerry Jazz Musician* on August 25, 2020.

"Mephistophelis" is published in issue #13 (Fall/Winter) of *Smokey Blue*.

“Forest Shadows” is published in issue #10 of *Auroras and Blossoms*.  
“Railroad Town” is published in issue #10 of *Auroras and Blossoms*.  
“Soul Mates” won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Category #10 (Louise Friot Memorial Award) of the Massachusetts State Poetry Society’s 2020 Poetry Day Contest.  
“Death by Love” won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Category #23 (Roberta Hung Award) of the Massachusetts State Poetry Society’s 2020 Poetry Day Contest.  
“Dew Dancing” was published in *Halcyon Days* #19.  
“Pandemic” was published in *Jerry Jazz Musician* Volume #3 on September 25, 2020.  
“Heavenly Peace” won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Category #14 (Asa A. Crapo Award) of the Utah State Poetry Society.  
**“Her Photograph” was published in the 2020 *Jerry Jazz Musician*.**  
“Autumn Poem” was published in *Mocking Heart Review*, October 1, 2020.  
“Dancing Autumn: An Etheree” was published in *WyoPoets News*, October 2020.  
“The Spirit Moves You” won 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention in Category 2 (FSPA Formal Verse Award) of the Florida State Poetry Association’s 2020 Contest  
“Speaking of Daughters” won 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention in Category 17 (Past Presidents Award) of the Florida State Poetry Association’s 2020 Contest.  
“Reverie at Slack Time” won 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention in Category 1 (Benefactor’s Award) of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Society of Tennessee 2020 Contest.  
“Perfect Day” won the “Falling For Autumn” Award in the Louisiana State Poetry Society’s 2020 Fall Festival Poetry Contest.  
“Thinking of Daughters” was published in the Poets’ Roundtable of *Arkansas News-N-Notes* for November 2020.  
“Heavenly Peace” placed as number 2 in the 2020 Missouri State Poetry Society Summer Contest.  
“Sacred Music” placed as number 4 in the 2020 Missouri State Poetry Society Summer Contest.  
“Heavenly Peace” was published in the 2020 *Yearbook* of the Poetry Society of South Carolina.

Ten of our members won awards in the NFSPS contest. They are; Barbara Blanks, Von Bourland, Ann Carolyn Cates, Brenda Finnegan, Doris Jones, Emory Jones, Linda Treat, Tommy Little, Mary Beth Magee and Catherine Moran. You can be proud of your awards, there are always lots of entries for these prizes. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning poems are published in the 2020 issue of **ENCORE**. It can be ordered from Amazon.com. The 2021 contest is available now. Let’s all get to work now on creating some more award winners.

South Branch has written a few more group poems via email. They are posted on the MPS facebook page. There is no other local branch news at this time.

Stay safe and keep writing your wonderful poetry.

Sincerely,

Patty Butkovich

President

My words fly up, my thoughts remain below;

Words without thoughts never to heaven go.

Shakespeare-*Hamlet*, Act III.Sc.3