



## Membership

Poetry Virginia invites you to join our association of writers and lovers of poetry. To join, complete this application and send it with your dues check, payable to Poetry Society of Virginia, to:

**Melinda Nolen, Treasurer**  
1323 Buford Rd  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

**Do not send contest entries to the Treasurer.**

You may also send this form and your dues with your contest entries (see Rules for address). Membership is not required to enter the open categories of the contest. There are no contest fees for Poetry Virginia members.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues Schedule

Membership includes all members at a single address.

Please circle desired membership category:

Membership	1 yr	2 yrs.	3 yrs.
Basic	\$30	\$50	\$65
Basic (after 1/1/15)	\$35	\$60	\$80

Lifetime (one time) \$300 member & spouse

Lifetime (after 1/1/15) \$450 member & spouse

Virginia Classroom \$10

(K-12 classrooms; contact must be a teacher, at the school address)

## 2015 Contest Rules

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked between November 1, 2014 and January 19, 2015 (Edgar Allan Poe's Birthday). Entries must be received by February 1, 2015

**Mail to: Poetry Contest, 11594 Hume Road, Hume, VA 22639-1806.**

**Entries will NOT be accepted by e-mail.**

All entries must be in English, unpublished, original, and not scheduled for publication before April, 2015. Author retains copyright.

Entries must be typed. Use white 8.5 x 11 inch paper and standard fonts, 12 - 14 point.

Poems that have previously won a monetary award in a PSV contest are ineligible. Submit only one poem per category. Only one category may be entered per poem.

Submit two copies of each poem. Both copies must have the category name and number on top left of page. Only **one** copy must include the poet's name, address, e-mail address if any, and phone number on top right of page, Note membership status in the PSV.

Entry fee for non-members: \$4 per poem. Checks payable to PSV. There are no contest fees for PSV members. Send all entries in one envelope. Include fees. Write a single check to cover all entered contest categories. If you are joining, pay dues with a separate check.

Entries will be recycled. All entries not in compliance will be disqualified.

**Winning poems will be read and honored at the 2015 Poetry Virginia Awards Ceremony April 18, 2015 Tuckahoe Area Library, Richmond, Virginia**

**Winning poems will be published on the Poetry Virginia website, with poet's permission.**



# Poetry Virginia 2015 Annual Contest of The Poetry Society of Virginia



**Deadline: January 19, 2015 (Postmark)  
Edgar Allan Poe's Birthday  
Entries received after February 1, 2015  
will not be included**

**Mail entries to :  
Poetry Contest  
11594 Hume Road  
Hume, VA 22639-1806**



**Poetry Virginia**  
for poets & lovers of poetry -  
contests, conferences, readings,  
& a community of poets  
**Website:**  
[www.PoetryVirginia.org](http://www.PoetryVirginia.org)



**1. Edgar Allan Poe Memorial**—*Sponsored by Poetry Virginia.* Any form. Any subject. 48 line limit. Award: \$100

## ENDOWED SPONSORSHIPS

### 2. Sarah Lockwood Memorial

Any subject. Sonnet in rhyme and meter. Award: \$100, \$75, \$50

### 3. Bess Gresham Memorial

Any form. Subject: friends and friendship. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 4. Carleton Drewry Memorial

Any form. Subject: farm life or working the earth. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 5. Brodie Herndon Memorial

Any form. Subject: heroism. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 6. Nancy Byrd Turner Memorial

Sonnet or other traditional form. State the form. Any subject. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 7. Judah, Sarah, Grace and Tom Memorial

Any form. Subject: encouraging reflection on inter-ethnic relations. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 8. Cenie H. Moon Prize

Any form. Subject: a woman or women. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 9. Handy Andy Prize

Limerick. Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10

### 10. Ada Sanderson Memorial

Any form. Subject: nature. 48 line limit. Award: \$100

### 11. Charlotte Wise Memorial

Any form. Subject: Ekphrastic poem. 64 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

### 12. The Robert S. Sergeant Memorial

Any form. Subject: Birds. 48 line limit. Award: \$50

## INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIPS

**13. ALFRED C. GARY MEMORIAL**—*Sponsored by Claudia Gary.* Iambic pentameter. Subject: historic event that occurred between 1925 and 1992. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**14. Miriam Rachimi Memorial**—*Sponsored by Ben and Michal Mahgerefteh.* Any form. Subject: the spiritual impact of losing (or almost losing) a loved one. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**15. Joe Pendleton Campbell Memorial**—*Sponsored by Paula Savoy.* Narrative poem. Any form. Any subject. 64 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**16. Sestina/Villanelle Award**—*Sponsored by Susan and Joe Metz.* Traditional sestina or villanelle. Any subject. Awards: \$75, \$50, \$25

**17. Come Out Swinging Prize**—*Sponsored by H. Fairfax Conquest.* Lyrics for a song. Any subject. Any rhythm. No musical score. 50 line limit. Awards: \$100, \$75, \$25

**18. Raymond Levi Haislip Memorial**—*Sponsored by Otis L. Haislip, Jr.* Any form. Subject: celebrating technology. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**19. The Anne Spencer Memorial**—*Sponsored by: Poetry Virginia.* Any form. Subject: overcoming adversity. 64 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**20. New Voices**—*Sponsored by Williamsburg Poetry Guild.* Open only to poets who have never received a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize in any PSV contest. Any form. Any subject. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**21. Honoring Fatherhood Award**—*Sponsored by Bill & Michelle O'Hearn, in memory of Theodore Tomala, Jr.* Any form. Subject: honoring Fathers and/or their sacrifices. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

## PSV MEMBERS ONLY

**22. Emma Gray Trigg Memorial**—*Sponsored by endowment & Poetry Virginia.* Lyric poem. Any subject. 64 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**23. Karma Deane Ogden Memorial**—*Sponsored by endowment & Poetry Virginia.* Any form or subject. 48 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

## VIRGINIA RESIDENTS ONLY

**24. A Poem With a Point of View**—*Sponsored by Angela Anselmo.* Any form. Any subject that inspires the writer to express his or her strong or particular feelings. 48 line limit. Award: \$50

**25. Loretta Dunn Hall Memorial**—*Sponsored by Phyllis Hall Haislip.* Any form. Subject: family. 24 line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20

**Poetry Virginia** is the short name for The Poetry Society of Virginia. This annual contest has recognized poets and poetry from Virginia and beyond for over sixty years. We are grateful to our many sponsors for helping to make this possible.



**Selection of Judges** We solicit well-known, published poets to serve as judges. Judges will receive blind copies of each poem. Judging is as impartial as we can make it. Judges and winners will be announced at the April awards ceremony in Richmond, and on the website. Prizes will be mailed to winning poets who cannot attend.

**Recent judges** have included:

Sandra Beasley, Robin Behn, George Bilgere, Emma Bolden, Peter Campion, John Casteen, Kelly Cherry, Claudia Emerson, Henry Hart, Thomas Lux, Dorianne Laux, Joshua Poteat, Camille Rankine, Lisa Russ Spaar, Sofia Starnes, Eric Trethewey, Joshua Weiner & David Wojahn.