



Poetry Society of Virginia

2020-2021 PSV ANNUAL CONTESTS WINNERS

Category 1 Edgar Allan Poe Contest Judge: Gregory Donovan

1st place: "Letting Go"
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Hts., MN

2nd place: "Domestic Drama on Lake Iroquois"
M. Lee Alexander, Williamsburg, VA

3rd Place: "Love Poem for Chieko*: with cento"
William Prindle, Charlottesville, VA

Hon. Mention: "The House of Metaphor"
Pamela Cranston, Oakland, CA

Category 2 Sarah Lockwood Memorial Judge: Thomas Yuill

1st Place: "More"
Julia Travers, Gordonsville, VA

2nd Place: "Marry Me"
Edward Wright Haile, Champlain, VA

3rd Place: "A Parting Shot"
Ruth Holzer, Herndon, VA

Hon. Mention: “A Rock for the Hill”
Elizabeth Spragins, Fredericksburg, VA

Category 3 Bess Gresham
Judge: Catherine Fletcher

1st Place: “Virtual, in This Lonely Space”
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: “By a Kenyan Campfire”
Sarah E N Kohrs, Mt Jackson VA

3rd Place: “Radiant Lake”
William Prindle, Charlottesville, VA

Category 4 Carleton Drewry Memorial
Judge: Lisa Russ Spaar

1st Place: “The Joy of Paintings”
Sophia Fourquet

2nd Place: “Adjectives”
Madison Borer

3rd Place: “Bitter Honey”
Molly Puckett

Hon. Mention – “Stay”
Bryce Yates

Category 5 Brodie Herndon Memorial
Judge: Nathan Richardson

1st Place: “University Village: Etudes”
William Prindle, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "The Navajo Code Talkers"
Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

3rd Place: "The Picture Not Published"
Claudia Gary, Reston, VA

Hon. Mention: "The Bridge"
Dennis H. Pillsbury, Williamsburg, VA

Category 6 Nancy Byrd Turner Memorial
Judge: Henry Hart

1st place: "Amyrah Gray Young: Redwing, 1888"
Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, NY

2nd place: "Chinatown Sonnet"
JM Jordan, Alexandria, Virginia

Category 7 Cenie Moon Prize
Judge: Luisa Igloria

1st Place: "Oracle of Bronzeville Meets Herself"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "Taco King"
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Hts., MN

3rd Place: "Rowing Lessons"
Linda Mitchell, Manassas, VA

Category 8 Judah, Sarah, Grace and Tom Memorial
Judge: James Wilson

1st Place: "Pretense"
Ellaraine Lockie, Sunnydale, CA

2nd Place: "Where Should I Walk"
Tom Jenkins, Chester, VA

*2nd Place: “Explode Like Lightning Striking”
Pamela Brothers Denyes, Virginia Beach, VA

3rd Place: “Ashes Remain”
Chaya Nachum, Brooklyn, NY

Hon. Mention: “Question of Castaways”
Crickyt J. Meyer, Chesapeake, VA

Category 9 Ada Sanderson Memorial
Judge: Ron Smith

1st Place: “A Thing Nearly Perfect”
Sharon Ackerman, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: “Looking at the Floor at Saratoga Friends Meeting House”
Andy Fogle, Saratoga Springs, NY

3rd Place: “September Apples”
Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, Ny

Hon. Mention: “Morels”
Stuart Gunter Schuyler, VA

Hon. Mention: “April”
Amanda Sue Creasey, Chester, VA

Hon. Mention: “April Fancy”
Tony Linwood Gentry, North Chesterfield, VA

Hon. Mention: “In the Long Suffering for Water”
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Hon. Mention: “Strawberry Fields Forever”
Ellie White, Charlottesville, VA

Category 10 Charlotte Wise Memorial
Judge: Rita Quillen

1st Place: "Vernal Equinox"
Sharon Ackerman, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "I Want You to Come Back But Only If You're Full"
Coral Kendall, Norfolk, VA

3rd Place: "Death, Burning & Service"
Andy Fogle, Saratoga Springs, NY

Hon. Mention – "Sanctuary"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Category 11 Robert S. Sergeant Memorial
Judge: Mike Maggio

1st Place: "Weathering"
Rebecca K. Leet, Arlington, VA

2nd Place: "In a Dogwood Tree"
Deborah H. Baxter, Chesapeake, VA

3rd Place: "Irrepressible Wren"
Henrietta Dahlstrom, Falls Church, VA

Category 12 Anne Spencer Memorial
Judge: John Hoppenthaler

1st Place: "Ode to the Young Construction Worker Who Once Placed a Loaded
Nail Gun against His Forehead and Pulled the Trigger"
Robert J. Keeler, Vashon, WA

2nd Place: "Aftermath"
Katherine M. Gotthardt, Bristow, VA

3rd Place: "Formed like an Etching."
Sarah E N Kohrs, Mt Jackson VA

Hon. Mention: "Snowfall, January 19, 2008: Viewing Richard C. Isner's 'Cold Storage' After My Uncle's Death."
Adele Gardner, Newport News, VA

Category 13 Handy Andy Prize

Judge: Bill Glose

1st Place: "An Invitation to the Masked Corona Ball"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "The Great Toilet Paper Caper"
Sharon Canfield Dorsey, Williamsburg, VA

3rd Place: "Office Hours"
Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, NY

Hon. Mention: "New Arrival"
Hannah Peters, Fairfax, VA

Category 14 Elizabeth Neuwirth Memorial

Judge: Suzanne Rhodes

1st Place: "Day of Wind" based on Andrew Wyeth's Pentecost
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "Garien Swift: Redwing, 1888"
Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, Ny

3rd Place: "Christina's World" based on Andrew Wyeth's Christina's World
Doris Edmund, Palmyra, Virginia

Category 15 Laura Day Boggs Bolling Memorial
Judge: Sue Corbett

1st: "Night is a Dark Unguarded Grove"
J. M. Jordan, Alexandria, Virginia

2nd place: "The Summer of the Secret Stones"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

3rd: "Frog Prince"
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Hts., MN

Hon. Mention: "Natural Imagination"
Leo Emerson, Marina Del Rey, CA

Category 16 Joe Pendleton Campbell Memorial
Judge: Dr. Carrie Shippers

1st Place: "She Whispers How It Ends"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

2nd Place: "When They Left the Cottage Behind"
Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, NY

3rd Place: "Bessie"
Greg Friedmann, Ashburn VA

Category 17 Raymond Levi Haislip Memorial
Judge: Dr. Kathleen D. Decker

1st Place: "Catheter Ablation"
Claudia Gary, Reston, VA

2nd Place: "New and Repurposed Words"
Joan Ellen Casey, Newport News, VA

3rd Place: "My Right Hand Man"
Brigitte Dole, Sacramento, CA

Hon. Mention: “Hinge Between Two Sticks”
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Category 18 Elizabeth J. Urquhart Memorial
Judge: Cesca Janece Waterfield

1st Place: “Thunderstorm on the Zambezi”
Diana Woodcock, Midlothian, VA

2nd Place: “Bem-Vinda a Florianópolis”
M. Lee Alexander, Williamsburg, VA

3rd Place: “Thimble Shoal Light”
Hank Thompson, Norfolk, VA

Hon. Mention: “Bear Clouds”
Ruth Keally Athens, GA

Hon. Mention: “Personal Salvation”
James Garrett, Williamsburg, VA

Hon. Mention: “Ash Monday”
Linda Kennedy Partee, Williamsburg, VA

Category 19 Joanne Scott Kennedy Memorial: New Voices
Judge: Sofia Starnes

1st Place: “Resistance”
Drury Wellford, Richmond, VA

2nd Place: “Old China”
Anne Metcalf, Alexandria, VA

3rd Place: “We be praying people”
Trilla Ramage, Hampton, VA

Hon. Mention: “The Hunting Clouds”
Mac Mestayer, Williamsburg, VA

Category 20 Honoring Fatherhood

Judge: Margaret MacKinnon

1st Place: "Dutch and Dad"

Ruth Holzer Herndon VA

2nd Place: "Her Eyes Lit Amber Like a Fox"

Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, NY

3rd Place: "My Father Takes Me to the County Fair"

Sharon Ackerman, Charlottesville, VA

Hon. Mention: "Rabbit Skin Glue"

Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Category 21 Ekphrastic Poetry Award

Judge: Terry Cox-Joseph

1st Place: "When all the World," (based on a photo, Hands at Cuevas de las Manos)"

Sarah E N Kohrs, Mt Jackson, VA

2nd Place: "Night and Sleep," Mary Lizzie Macomber painting

Adele Gardner, Newport News, VA

3rd Place: "Wonder," (Alice's Adventures)

Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, NY

Hon. Mention: "Against My Will,"

Michele Privette, Norfolk, VA

Hon. Mention: "Old Man in Sorrow,"

Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Hon. Mention: "Devotion and Desire"

Drury Wellford, Richmond, VA

Category 22 Emma Gray Trigg Memorial
Judge: Bob Arthur

1st Place: "These Birds" Barbara Leary
Purcellville, VA

2nd Place: "Matinee Musicale"
Ruth Holzer, Herndon VA

3rd Place: "The Wind wails the tale to the woman who needs to hear"
Angela Dribben, Java, VA

Hon. Mention: ""Arabian Desert Autumn""
Diana Woodcock, Midlothian, VA

Category 23 Karma Dean Ogden
Judge: Nicole Tong

1st place: "Children Picking Raspberries"
Sharon Ackerman, Charlottesville, VA

2nd: "Off the Path"
April J. Asbury, Pulaski, VA

3rd: "Recent Discovery, Herculaneum"
Erin Newton Wells, Charlottesville, VA

Hon. Mention: "Honeybee"
Ruth Holzer, Herndon, VA

Category 24 Loretta Dunn Hall Memorial
Judge: Nathaniel Perry

1st Place: "After"
Julia Travers, Gordonsville, VA

2nd Place: "The Bent Fork"
Ruth Holzer, Herndon VA

3rd place: "The Diastole's Diaspora"
Michele Privette, Norfolk, VA

Category 25 Undergraduate Poetry Award
Judge: Jeffrey Hecker

1st Place: "Do You Speak Spanish?"
Poet's name not published at the poet's request.