



2024 Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Contests – Winners

ENDOWED CATEGORIES

Edgar Allen Poe Memorial Award

1st - Erin Wells - "Ex Machina"

2nd - Hannah Rouse - "night time skin care"

3rd - Angela Beatrice - "Eliot in Parcels"

HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "Librarian to the Visible Heavens"

Sarah Lockwood

1st - toni tyler - "Skin"

2nd - Wendell Hawken - "Diapause"

3rd - Eric Forsbergh - "A Second Date, at the Ballet"

HM - Linda Ankrah-Dove - "Patience"

Bess Gresham

1st - Christina Linsin - "Bikes"

2nd - Wes Carrington - "Perfect Poems"

3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Why I Want to Reconnect With My High School"

HM - Brian Chee - "I Remember You"

Carleton Drewry

1st - Gail Giewont - "Dianthus"

2nd - A. Logan Hill - "When it is time ..."

3rd - Sarah Ann Winn - "If Birds Left Tracks Across the Sky"

HM - Lorraine Jeffery - "After This"

Brodie Herndon

1st - Joseph Jablonski - "A Poem About Dragons For My Son"

2nd - Peter LaBerge - "Homosexual Panic"

3rd - Wendell Hawken - "Basketball Game"

HM - James Huneycutt - "An Adirondack Cabin Retreat"

Nancy Byrd Turer

1st - Elizabeth Black - "Issa's Cricket"

2nd - Richard Stimac - "Ares"

3rd - Erin Wells - "A Small Observation"

HM - Laura Bobrow - "Almost Lost at the Carnival"

Cenie H. Moon

1st - Erin Wells - "Someone on a Journey"

2nd - April Asbury - "The British Tour"

3rd - Claudia Kessel - Menorrhagia

HM - Greg Friedmann - "Eve's Complaint"

Judah, Sarah, Grace, Tom

1st - Rich Follett - "crt"

2nd - Elizabeth Spragins - "Color Blind"

3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Three Little Neighbors in Qatar"

HM - Yahney-Marie Sangare - "Harlem Midnight"

Charlotte Wise

1st - Rich Follett - "crt"

2nd - Elizabeth Spragins - "Color Blind"

3rd - Diana Woodcock - "Three Little Neighbors in Qatar"

HM - Yahney-Marie Sangare - "Harlem Midnight"

Robert S. Sergeant

1st - Erin Wells - "Crane Briefly Seen:

2nd - Wes Carrington - "An Ostentation"

3rd - Linda Partee - "Don't Feed This Bird"

HM - Ken Hines - "Carrion"

Anne Spencer

1st - Kathleen Decker - "Shelter (Ukraine)"

2nd - Donna Isaac - "With Its Bright Shining"

3rd - Pam Denyes - "Her Bath)

HM - Chapman Frazier - "When Held to the Light"

Handy Andy

1st - Erin Wells - "Emoji, or Lament For the Written Word"

2nd - Laura Bobrow - "The Birds and the Bees"

3rd - Claudia Gary - "GPT Goppity Goo"

HM - Jerri Hardesty - "Horrible Boss"

INDIVIDUALLY SPONSORED CATEGORIES

Strong Point of View

1st - Eric Forsbergh - "Free Speech Privilege"

2nd - James Huneycutt - "You Cannot Marry Roger Vadim, He's Far Too Dead"

3rd - Kindra McDonald - "Teaching Wilderness Survivor School at Junior Ranger Camp"

HM - April Asbury - "Mother Lays Down the Law"

Elizabeth Neuwirth

1st - Erin Wells - "If Windows Remain"

2nd - June Goodenough - "Evoked by George Sotter's 'A Snowy Night'"

3rd - Not Awarded

Joseph Pendleton Campbell

1st - Greg Friedmann - "No Deus No Machina"

2nd - Sarah Kohrs - "Sieved with Galium Aparine"

3rd - Steve Knepper - "Metal Love Song"

HM - Maggie Saunders - "White"

Dr. Lucile E. Thompson

1st - Sarah Kohrs - "A New Home: One Woman's Belief in Ambience"

2nd - Anna Isabella Fratarcangelo - "Beauty Breaking Bad"

3rd - Adele Gardner - "Ode to the Dishwasher"

HM - Erin Wells - "Variable Stars"

Honoring Fatherhood

1st - Donna Isaac - "Coming Home"

2nd - Amasa Maleski - "Catch and Release"

3rd - Lorraine Jeffery - "The Other Book"

HM - Carlin Corsino - "What Will I Do Without You?"

Ekphrastic Poetry

1st - Anna Evas - "A Modern Venus of Willendorf"

2nd - Erin Wells - "Still Life"

3rd - Diana Kincannon - "Hospice Nurse"

POETRY SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA MEMBERS ONLY CATEGORIES

Joanne Scott Kennedy

1st - James Huneycutt - "The Bats of Rabat"

2nd - Ken Hines - "Obit Postscript"

3rd - Carolyn Mathews - "In Praise of June Bugs"

HM - Nicola McGoff - "Parenting"

Elizabeth J. Urquhart

1st - Mark Fryburg - "Dunes"

2nd - Peter LaBerge - "California Avenue"

3rd - Claudia Kessel - "Disappearing in the Panhandle"

HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "At Mrs. Leihey's Table"

Jeff Hewitt

1st - Patsy Asuncion - "Habits of American Habitat"

2nd - Chris Rhodes - "The South"

3rd - Diane Melby - "The Year the Trees Fell"

Alexandra “Zan” Delaine Hailey

1st - Bill Ayres - "We Share the World"

2nd - Aaliyah Anderson - "Today, You will"

3rd - Chapman Frazier - "The Longing"

HM - Sarah Ann Winn - "Magritte Makes A Cameo"

Hardy Haiku

1st - Eric Sundquist - "walking meditation"

2nd - Rebecca Lilly - "shadows the same tone"

3rd - Not Awarded

Climate Change

1st - Erin Wells - "Incantation"

2nd - Deborah Baxter - "The Mountain Has a Fever"

3rd - Gail Giewont - "Fairy Tales"

HM - Sarah Kohrs - "A World Refocused"

Family Relationships

1st - Erin Wells - "A Prayer for Broken Things"

2nd - Claudia Kessel - "Inversion"

3rd - Peter LaBerge - "White Orchid"

HM - Sarah Kohrs - "Bienvenidos, Mundi"

Russ & Ellen Notar

1st - Peter LaBerge - "The Indisputable"

2nd - Erin Wells - "Thanksgiving at the Self-Checkout"

3rd - Chapman Frazier - "The Flowering of the Dead"

HM - Sarah Kohrs - "The OKness We Bring"

Spoken Word & Verse Video

1st - Jerri Hardesty - "Heifer"

2nd - Terra Walker - "Sake"

3rd - Marjorie Cenese - "Sheltered"

HM - Adele Gardner - "Ray of Light"