

FINAL LIST OF WINNERS OF 2026 ADULT PSV POETRY CONTESTS

CAT. #	CONTEST TITLE	AWARD	POEM TITLE	POET NAME	JUDGE	SPONSOR
1	EDGAR ALLAN POE MEMORIAL	1	Buried Good and Deep	George Kramer	Chapman Hood Frazier	PSV
		2	A Pair of Wayward Drifters in Manitowoc	Trevor Tingle		
		3	incubation ode	Katie Kim		
		4	Combinatorics	Talan Tee		
2	SARAH LOCKWOOD MEMORIAL	1	Eventide	Terry Hall	Lisa Russ Spaar	Martha Steger
		2	English Teacher Blues	Donna Isaac		
		3	Let Tweedledum Turn Tweedledee	Wendell Hawken		
3	BESS GRESHAM MEMORIAL	1	Third Daughter	Hana Tsai	Latorial Faison	PSV
		2	Elegy for the Blonde Down the Street	Genevieve Watson		
		3	Solution	Kelly Sawin		
		4	A Ballad for Cleo	Juliana Pan		
4	CARLETON DREWRY MEMORIAL	1	In Brutal Acreage	Chad Knuth	Angela Carter	PSV
		2	My Father	Chelsea Guo		
		3	As if by Some Mistake	Donna Isaac		
		4	Garden-Variety Miracle	Taylor Petty		
		4	When The Horse Is Scared	Lynne Schmidt		
5	CENIE H. MOON PRIZE	1	Tortoise in Culver City	Virginia LeBaron	Kim Hazelwood	PSV
		2	Ad Mare	Kaitlyn Graham		
		3	Grace Sherwood, Witch of Pungo	Fran Scott		
		4	Viola	Donna Isaac		
6	JUDAH, SARAH, GRACE, AND TOM MEMORIAL	1	Home is a Word Beyond Language	Erin Newton Wells	Prof. Steven Knepper	PSV
		2	American Girl Starter Pack	Chelsea Guo		
		3	Zia Sun	Lorraine Jeffery		
		4	My Police, My World	Jeffrey Parker		
7	CHARLOTTE WISE MEMORIAL.	1	Worry in the Air	Wendell Hawken	Fred Wilbur	PSV
		2	Cerberus, rescued	Virginia LeBaron		
		3	June in Nanjing	Juliana Pan		
8	ANNE SPENCER MEMORIAL.	1	The Cellist of Acuchwitz	Erin Newton Wells	Bill Glose	PSV
		2	A Sorrier Heaven	Genevieve Watson		
		3	Things You Never Told	Juliana Pan		
		4	Grief Treatise	Taylor Petty		
9	HANDY ANDY AWARD.	1	Hero Franchise Burnout	Derek Kannemeyer	Henry Hart	Pamela Brothers Denyes
		2	How to Be Dude-ical, Daddy-O	Erin Newton Wells		
		3	Decaffeinated	Elizabeth Spragins		

		4	NOT SO SUBTLE METAPHOR	Denise Wilcox		
		4	Up the Ranks and Out of Breath	Jeff Beck		
10	STRONG POINT OF VIEW	1	Trial By Blood	Adele Gardner	Dr. Stan Galloway	Anonymous PSV Member
		2	Kvasir's Saga	Michael Paul		
		3	History	Joan Casey		
		4	Varied Carols	Mark Fryburg		
11	ELIZABETH NEUWIRTH	1	"Diptych with the Entry into Jerusalem, Crucifixion..."	Joel Stephen Neubauer	David Anthony Sam	Claudia Gary
		2	What of Mona Lisa	Jerry Hardesty		
		3	Crabby Oil	Mark Hudson		
		4	Erin Newton Wells	A Different Truth		
12	DR. LUCILE E. THOMPSON MEMORIAL	1	By Proxy	Lorraine Jeffery	Dr. Kathleen P. Decker	Dr. Kathleen P. Decker
		2	Dark Matter, First Light	Erin Newton Wells		
		3	Primate Studies	Elizabeth Spragins		
		4	The Girl Who Loved Physics	Brenda Spielman		
13	HONORING PARENTHOOD	1	Latching On to Memories	Diana Woodcock	Kirk Judd	Anonymous PSV Member
		2	Stepmother, as turning point	Virginia LeBaron		
		3	Wild Goose Curry	Derek Kannemeyer		
		4	LEGACY	Rosanne Walters		
14	EKPHRASTIC POETRY AWARD	1	Peaceful Takeover	Erin Newton Wells	Joanne Durham	Terry Cox-Joseph
		2	Nadiya Summons the Poppies and Myrtle	Melinda Thomsen		
		3	Forgotten Rosie	Mark Fryberg		
15	HEROISM	1	The Girl Who Sang	Erin Newton Wells	Prof. John Hoppenthaler	Anonymous PSV Member
		2	Thank You For Your Service	Derek Kannemeyer		
		3	Deployment	David Brown		
		4	The Hour's Ripe for Worries, Little Chicks	Joseph Stephen Neubauer		
16	A CELEBRATION OF FORM POETRY IN HONOR OF ED LULL	1	On An East Sussex Beach	Derek Kannemeyer	Claudia Gary	James City Poets & Calliope Poets of Williamsburg
		2	After the Storm	Elizabeth Spragins		
		3	Sonnet No. 17	Michael Paul		
		4	As Tides Will Ebb and Flow	Erin Newton Wells		
		4	Sky Dancers	Jeri Hardesty		
17	JOANNE SCOTT KENNEDY MEMORIAL.	1	Rosewood Massacre January 1963	Darwin Hebert	Patsy Asuncion	Dr. Sofia M. Starnes
		2	Ars Poetica with Wingless Dragon	Juliana Pan		
		3	As if by Some Mistake	Trevor Tingle		
		4	The Tremblings of Sir Gawain	Michael Paul		

18	ELIZABETH J. URQUHART MEMORIAL.	1	The Long Island Railroad	Diane Melby	Joanna Lee	Mary M. DeLara/Guy Terrell
		2	La Belle Époque	Erin Newton Wells		
		3	Mars	Lynne Schmidt		
		4	2700 West Main Street	Derek Kannemeyer		
19	HONORING JEFFREY HEWITT	1	Pinang †	Talan Tee	Dr. Luisa A. Igloria	Anonymous PSV Member
		2	Chai-Tea-Latte	Ananya Mandrekar		
		3	THE CONSEQUENCES OF NO	Julie Niven		
20	ALEXANDRA "ZAN" DELAINE HAILEY MEMORIAL	1	The Wards of D.C.	Jeff Beck	Terry Cox-Joseph	The Hailey Family
		2	Kafkaesque	Riana Piskin		
		3	(in)Significance	Katherine Gotthardt		
		4	N/A	None		
21	HARDY HAIKU* *NOTE: haiku are traditionally untitled: PSV conforms to traditional haiku convention	1	Untitled	Michael Paul	Randy Brooks	Anonymous Long-term PSV Member
		2	Untitled	Thomas Smith		
		3	Untitled	Erin Newton Wells		
22	CLIMATE CHANGE.	1	Ice Dragons	George Kramer	Nathanial Perry	Anonymous PSV Member
		2	Elegy	Erin Newton Wells		
		3	Elegy for Our Fragile Universe	William Pan		
		4	TO THE SILENCE	Pete Follansbee		
23	FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS	1	Buzzcut	Talan Tee	Laura Bylenok	Diana Kincannon
		2	What Neither of Us Will Say	Juliana Pan		
		3	Ricecode	Leonardo Chung		
		4	Another Story	Chelsea Guo		
24	RUSS AND ELLEN NOTAR WORLD VISION POETRY AWARD	1	A History Lesson	Juliana Pan	Nicole Yurcaba	Susan Notar
		2	Stars of Heaven	Chelsea Guo		
		3	A Spirit Found My Great-Grandmother During the War	Genevieve Watson		
		4	Lithuania HEARTS Ukraine	M. Lee Alexander		
25	SPOKEN WORD & VERSE VIDEO CONTEST	1	With the Benefit of Hindsight	Derek Kannemeyer	Synnika Alek-Chizoba Lofton	Nathan Richardson
		2	The Poetry of Numbers	Adele Gardner		
		3	Please, Mr. Carnivore	Thomas Smith		
		4	Fade	Jennifer Alukonis		