

35th Annual Contest Results October 25th-27th, 2019

1. John Calvin Rezmerski Memorial Grand Prize:

Judged by Art Elser, CO

1st place- **So long and thanks for all the riches,**
Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

2nd place- **Daughter**, Beth Spencer, Eden Prairie MN

3rd place- **Heavy**, Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **City-Wide Rummage Sale Treasure**, Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN

2nd- **Unknown**, Patrick Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis MN

3rd- **Subtext**, Christina Flaughers, Mapleton MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Set the Hook**, Tim Stouffer, Ely MN

2nd- **The Sting of Water**, Christina Flaughers, Mapleton MN

3rd- **A Litany of Guilt**, Von S. Bourland, Happy TX

4th- **The Sisterhood**, Christina Flaughers, Mapleton MN

2. Relevance of Rural Award:

Judged by Budd Powell Mahan TX

1st place- **Living Patterns**, Meredith Cook, Blue Earth MN

2nd place- **It's Not as If Destruction Can Simply Be Undone**, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake MN

3rd place- **This Breathing Body**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **The Affirmation**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

2nd- **Crops**, Steven Vogel, Rochester MN

3rd- **The Second Breakfast, 1924**, Patrick Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **A Farmer's Day**, Sara Gipson, Scott AZ

2nd- **Robert Burns Recalled**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI

3. Story Portage Award:

Judged by Eric Read, UT

1st place- **Disputation of Joyce Kilmer By a Tree**

Anomaly Roger Brezina, New Prague MN

2nd place- **I Dwell in Possibility**, Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield WI

3rd place- **A Walk With Henry**, Doris Stengel, Brainerd MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Falling from the Family Tree**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

2nd- **Letter to the Buyer**, Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN

3rd- **Below the Weeping Willow**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Becoming a Tree**, Michael Kiesow Moore, Saint Paul MN

2nd- **Leaf Suite**, Barb Terrill, Owatonna MN

3rd- **Choosing the Tree**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

4th- **Live Oak Tree by the Alamo**, Meredith Cook, Blue Earth MN

4. Stevens Family Award:

Judged by Marilyn Stacy TX

1st place - **Under a Full Moon**, Laura Lynn Hansen, Little Falls MN

2nd place – **For Audrey**, Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island

3rd place – **Shoebox of Photographs**, Eileen Malone, Broadmoor Vlg. CA

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **For Dorothy**, Jane Callahan, Rochester MN

2nd- **Too Many Pitchers**, Valerie Bump Fallbrook CA

3rd- **You Are Not**, Kathryn Knudson, Minneapolis MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **After I Left You, You Mentioned that You Loved Me**, Marg Walker, St. Paul MN

2nd- **How to Forget**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN

3rd- **Her Timing Was Always Perfect**, Bernadine Lortis, St. Paul MN

4th- **Watching my Husband through the Basement**

Window as he Scrapes the Sill for Painting, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN

5. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial:

Judged by Joe Cavanaugh, FL

1st place – **On Learning that Robert Frost Wrote his Poem in the Summertime**, Jane Hufford Downes, Hopkins MN

2nd place – **She Walks in Butter**, Josh Lefkowitz, Brooklyn NY

3rd place – **Poetically Speaking**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Angel Kisses**, Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis MN

2nd- **Tomorrow: A Love Song**, Beth Spencer, Oak Brook IL
3rd- **Sock It to Me**, Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point IN
(*Awards of Merit*)
1st- **Rock Bottom**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
2nd- **Insomnia**, Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL
3rd- **No Sweet Cat Poems**, Christina Flaughers, Mapleton MN
4th- **The Dutiful Wife**, Rita Aiken Moritz, Cropwell AL

6. Woodtick Poets Award:

Judged by Rhonda Brown AZ

1st place- **Green Papaya Salad at the Night Market in Thailand**, Laura Lanik, St. Paul MN
2nd place- **Birthright**, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN
3rd place- **Rhubarb**, Jane Downes, Hopkins MN
(*Honorable Mentions*)
1st- **By Heart**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN
2nd- **Lasagna For a Good Crowd**, Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN
3rd- **Whole Wheat**, Von S. Bourland, Happy TX
(*Awards of Merit*)
1st- **Baking Bread and Making Memories**, Rita Moritz, Cropwell AL
2nd- **Mother Sauce**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN
3rd- **Leftovers**, Ellen Lager, Robbinsdale MN
4th- **Unexpected Confidant**, Christina Flaughers, Mapleton MN

7. Southern MN Poets Society Award: Judged by Janeen Pergin Rastall MI

1st place- **Early Risers in Shadow**, Ellen Lager, Robbinsdale MN
2nd place- **Road Kill**, Nancy Simmonds, Ft. Wayne IN
3rd place- **Bachelors** Steven Vogel, Rochester MN
(*Honorable Mentions*)
1st- **Second Date**, Josh Lefkowitz, Brooklyn NY
2nd- **Harriet Would Be Proud**, Kathryn Knudson, Minneapolis MN
3rd- **Incident at First and Main**, Luke Anderson, Battle Lake MN
(*Awards of Merit*)
1st- **Thou Shall Not**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI
2nd- **Deer at Dusk**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
3rd- **Recipe for a Laurel Avenue Meringue**, Sara Dovre Wudali, St. Paul MN
4th- **Zadico is My Middle Name** Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN

8. John & Helen Pappas Memorial:

Judged by Grace Curtis, OH

1st place- **Love is a Theory** Lynda La Rocca, Salida CO
2nd place- **Legacy in Passing**, Meredith Cook, Blue Earth MN
3rd place- **On the First Day of School**, Beth Staas, Oak Brook IL
(*Honorable Mentions*)
1st- **Patriot Salute**, Sarah Gipson, Scott AR
2nd- **Searching Northern Lights**, Colleen Eichenberger, Nisswa MN
3rd- **Poet-Daughter Peaks to Poet-Mother**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
(*Award of Merit*)
1st- **Charms for Survival**, Beth Spencer, Eden Prairie MN
2nd- **Aunt Grace**, Marg Walker, St. Paul MN
3rd- **The Owl Called**, Becky Alexander, Cambridge ON

9. Blizzard Writers' Award: Judged by Larry Thomas, MI

1st place- **The Art of Healing**, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
2nd place- **The Drive Home**, Barbara Terrill, Owatonna MN
3rd place- **The Wait for Parallel Lines to Converge**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA
(*Honorable Mentions*)
1st- **Still Life**, Suzanne Rogier Marshall, Hebron NH
2nd- **I Intend to Live Until I Die**, Rita Aiken Moritz, Cropwell AL
3rd- **Like Seeds**, Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond TX
(*Awards of Merit*)
1st- **A Comfortable Bed**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN
2nd- **Skipping Stone with my Brother**, Michael Kiesow Moore St. Paul MN
3rd- **Off the Bat** Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield WI
4th- **As Things Change** Linda White, Maplewood MN

10. Grandview Award

Judged by Sandy Hokanson, GA

1st place- **So Near My Sickly Child, I Count to Twelve**, Beth Spencer, Eden Prairie, MN
2nd place- **Pleas**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove, MN
3rd place- **Rocket Pajamas**, Marg Walker, ST. Paul MN
(*Honorable Mention*)
1st- **What Remains**, Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
2nd- **to and from a Dinner of Hard-Shell Crab – Wilmington, Delaware**, Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley MN

3rd-**Earl Grey Recuperation**, Susan Stevens Chambers,

Good Thunder MN

(*Awards of Merit*)

1st-**JACKIE TRIES TO HOLD LITTLE ABIGAIL IN**

HANDCUFFS, Patrick Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis MN

2nd-**The Silence Between Storms**, Pamela Sinicrope,

Rochester MN

3rd-**June Rains**, Barbara Terrill, Owatonna MN

4th-**Raven**, Caroline Bassett, Minneapolis MN

11. Bring Back the Prairies Award: Judged by Amy

Miller OR

1st place- **Another View**, Ed Brekke-Kramer, Fairmont MN

2nd place- **Disturbing Reflections from the**

(Developed) World, Cole Williams, Minneapolis MN

3rd place: **Posted in a Sea of Reclaimed Prairie the**

Sign along the Highway Reads, Kindred Micki

Blenkush, St. Cloud MN

(*Honorable Mentions*)

1st- **Last Moon**, Steven Vogel, Rochester MN

2nd- **Praries**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN

3rd- **Where the Earth is not a Sphere**, Mary Rudbeck

Stanko, London ON

(*Awards of Merit*)

1st- **The Magician**, Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato MN

2nd- **Prairie Vacation**, Barbara Terrill, Owatonna

3rd- **The Family We Choose**, Christina Flaughier,

Mankato MN

4th- **Rattle Snake Master**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI

12. Musica Award:

Judged by John Foster FL

1st place- **A Song Bird's Symphony**, Rita Aiken Moritz,

Cropwell AL

2nd place- **The Conductor**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

3rd place- **A Young Maiden Asks of Love**, Shirley Smith

Franklin, Arden Hills MN

(*Honorable Mentions*)

1st- **Love Song**, Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point IN

2nd- **Come Dance With Me**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des

Moines IA

3rd- **Michael Jackson in Ecuador** Murray McCartan,

Richfield MN

(*Awards of Merit*)

1st- **The Sax Man**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

2nd- **Belly Dancer**, Beth Staas, Oak Brook IL

3rd- **Burn-dance**, Lucy Tyrrell Bayfield WI

4th- **Summer Garden Music**, Sara Gipson, Scott AR

13. Poets Potluck:

Judged by Liz Glodek, IA

1st place- **Exposure**, Nancy Cook St. Paul MN

2nd place- **Voice**, Steven R. Vogel, Rochester MN

3rd place- **Urban Night Sky**, Meredith Cook, Blue Earth MN

(*Honorable Mentions*)

1st- **Autumn**, Jerri Hardesty Brierfield AL

2nd- **cinquain**, Libby Casey Irwin, Woodbury MN

3rd- **Swarm of the Monarchs**, Gail Denham, Sunriver OR

(*Awards of Merit*)

1st- **The Good Wife**, Amy Coulombe, Minnetonka MN

2nd- **A Beautiful Day**, LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

3rd-**Untitled**, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN

4th- **Beach Drama**, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights

14. Southeastern Minnesota Poets Award

Judged by Ginny Connor, CT

1st place- **Anna's Victorious Illness**, Gail Denham, Sunriver OR

2nd place- **The Devil's Come to Get Me**, June Blumenson, Minneapolis MN

3rd place- **Mirage**, Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis MN

(*Honorable Mentions*)

1st- **Brotherly**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN

2nd- **Infection**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

3rd-**Noel**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

(*Awards of Merit*)

1st- **Well Done**, Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN

2nd- **After the Diagnosis**, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN

3rd- **Read Me This Poem**, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN

4th- **Life Changes**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

15. Coral Peterson Memorial Award:

Judged by Kerry Trautman, OH

1st place- **Family Barbecue, August 1970**, Lynda La

Rocca, Salida CO

2nd place- **North Shore Lake Superior 1959**, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN

3rd place- **Grandma's Butter** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

(*Honorable Mentions*)

1st- **Milla Rising**, Laura Lynn Hansen, Little Falls, MN

2nd- **Lone Loon on Lower Pond, Hinesburg, Vermont**, Tricia Knoll, Williston VT

3rd- **Grandpa, his Body Full of Sign Language**, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **A Stay at the Shore**, Victor Klimoski, St. Paul MN
2nd- **Grandma's Nature**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN
3rd- **First Love: Grandfather**, Jane Hufford Downes, Hopkins MN
4th- **The Red Recipe Box**, Laura Kozy Lanik, St. Paul MN

16. Lost in Translation Award:

Judged by Jim Lambert, IL

1st place- **I am a foot soldier in the battle of words**, Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond TX
2nd-place- **Signs**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN
3rd place- **Play Date**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
(Honorable Mentions)
1st- **Hozho Nahasdlii**, Pamela Sinicroppe, Rochester MN
2nd- **Scripture**, Joshua Conklin, Amherst NH
3rd- **Mitternacht**, Steven R. Vogel, Rochester MN
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **Hope**, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake MN
2nd- **The Greeks Had a Word For It**, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA
3rd- **Why I Would Like to Study the Chinese Language**, Jane Hufford Downes Hopkins MN
4th- **From the Streets of Paris**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI

17. Heartland Poets Award: Judged by Mary-Ann

Westbrook, FL

1st place- **Sagrada Familia, 2001**, Steven R Vogel, Rochester MN
2nd place- **Lunar Musings**, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
3rd place- **Christina and Me**, Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN
(Honorable Mentions)
1st- **The Scream**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
2nd- **Weatherman**, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN
3rd- **Bone Song**, Jana Bouma, Madison Lake MN
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **A Sailor's Choice**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX
2nd- **Portrait of a Woman**, Rita Aiken Moritz, Cropwell AL
3rd- **Exploration**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI
4th- **The Magic Flute**, Jane Callahan, Rochester MN

18. Mississippi Valley Poets and Writers Award:

Judged by Christine Valentine, MT

1st place- **Hornet and I swish**, Diana Berrigan White Bear Lake MN
2nd place- **Three Haiku**, Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills MN
3rd place- **December winds hurl**, Nancy Simmonds, Ft. Wayne IN
(Honorable Mentions)
1st- **Snow Feathers downward**, Rita Aiken Moritz, Cropwell AL
2nd- **Spring shadows pause**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
3rd- **With Lake overlook**, Ed Brekke-Kramer, Fairmont MN
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **cottonwood leaves cast**, Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield WI

19. The Moccasin Award *Judged by B.J. Alligood, FL*

1st place- **Azure**, Sandra M. Kacher, Burnsville MN
2nd place- **Laundry and Reproach**, Laura Lynn Hansen, Little Falls MN
3rd place- **My Youngest Uncle**, Kathryn Knudson, Minneapolis MN
(Honorable Mentions)
1st- **Waiting**, Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud
2nd- **The Summer Dress**, Becky Alexander, Cambridge ON
3rd- **The Seasons of Marriage**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **Let's Not Bother With a Funeral**, Mardi Knudson St. Cloud MN
2nd- **Abandoned Voices**, Gail Denham, Sunriver OR
3rd- **Willow**, Michael McCormick, St Paul MN
4th- **Adrift**, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN