

# LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest Results October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **1. John Calvin Rezmerski Memorial Grand Prize:** *Judged by —Julie Cummings*

1<sup>st</sup> place-I AM A SALMON, I AM NOT A SALMON—Jean Prokott, Rochester, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Skinny Genes—Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely, MN

3<sup>rd</sup>-place- In Media Res—Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

### ***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-For Ian—Lorraine Jeffery-Orem, UT

2nd-Train Wreck—Peter Stein- Minneapolis, MN

3rd-Love/Labor/Lost—Jeanette Marie Cox -Ely, MN

### ***(Awards of Merit)***

1st- UP FRONT ABOUT ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM—Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato, MN

2nd- WEDDING RECEPTION—Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

3rd-I Cannot Say I Did Not—Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

4th- On nights like this—Peter Stein, Minneapolis, MN

## **2. THE MOCCASIN AWARD:** *Judged by —Budd Powell Mahan*

1<sup>st</sup> place- Fair Trade—Kathleen Wedl, Edina, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place- ODE TO STOPPING—Jean Prokott, Rochester, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Prayer on the Cusp—Ann Glumac, Duluth, MN

### ***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st- Descent—Jan Chronister, Maple, WI

2nd- Nature's Poetry—LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

3rd- Sometimes—Teri Joyce, Rochester, MN

### ***(Awards of Merit)***

1st- STILL AROUND—Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN

2nd- Heart thrown open—Patti Ruskey, Mankato, MN

3rd- A Poet's Retreat—Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

4th- Meditation—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

## **3. STONE GATHERING AWARD:** *Judged by —Laurence W. Thomas*

1<sup>st</sup> place-The Feeder Dance for Cardinals—Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

2<sup>nd</sup> place-The True Meaning of Travel—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Stories from the Lake District—Ann Glumac, Duluth, MN

### ***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-Inisbofin Island, County Galway, Ireland—Beth Spencer, Eden Prairie, MN

2nd-Interlude—Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

3rd-Cruising—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

### ***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-When the Tour Bus Breaks—Nancy Simmonds, Ft. Wayne, IN

2nd-FINDING—Walter Ralston, Sun City West, AZ

3rd-The Coconut—Janice L. Freytag, Souderton, PA

4th- Big Shot—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

## **4. STORY PORTAGE AWARD:** *Judged by — Lynda La Rocca*

1<sup>st</sup> place-PHILOSO-TREE—Jean Prokott, Rochester, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tree Therapy—Sandra Kacher, Burnsville, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- What the Trees Said—Ann Glumac, Duluth, MN

### ***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-on distant hills there stands a lonely pine—Nancy Simmonds, Ft Wayne, IN

2nd-The Maple Tree—Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely, MN

3rd- COUNT DOWN—Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

### ***(Awards of Merit)***

- 1st-CENOTAPH—Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato, MN
- 2nd-The Fir Tree—Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, St. Paul, MN
- 3rd-Crescent Lake Ridge Trail—Ellen Lager, Robbinsdale, MN
- 4th- TREES OF WINTER NIGHT—Dan Dietrich, Red Wing, MN

**5. STEVENS FAMILY AWARD:** *Judged by* — John Foster

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Soft-lined Box—Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Where The Heart Is—Lynda LaRocca, Salida, CO
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Just Like Mom—Janice S. Fuller, Webster, WI

***(Honorable Mentions)***

- 1st-Beside You—Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN
- 2nd-about the music By: Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley, MN
- 3rd-REQUEST TO THE BUYER—Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

- 1st-As You Marry—Ann Glumac From: Duluth, MN
- 2nd-Knowing Them—Victor Klimoski, St. Paul, MN
- 3rd-Figure Skater—Murray McCartan, Richfield, MN
- 4th-Panning For Staurolites—Susan Budig, St. Louis Park, MN

**6. FLORENCE HYNES WILLETTE MEMORIAL:** *Judged by* —Alicia Barton

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-FARM HOME TRANSFORMATION— Susan Stevens Chamber, Mankato, MN
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-The Dream of a Farmer —Susan Budig, St. Louis Park, MN
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Dairy Farmer— Judith Feenstra From: Maple Lake, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

- 1st-Winter Farm— Linda White, Maplewood, MN
- 2nd-THE SWEET MEMORY OF LOAM— Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada
- 3rd- Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time— Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

***(Awards of Merit)***

- 1st-Out of Service— Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN
- 2nd-Counting Red-Winged Blackbirds—Nancy Simmonds, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 3rd- Penance Bread— Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond, TX
- 4th- THE SECOND BREAKFAST 1924— Patrick Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis, MN

**7. BLIZZARD WRITERS AWARD:** *Judged*—Amy Wray Irish

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Six Swans— Jenna Pashley, Richmond, TX
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- LESSON FROM THESEUS— Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place-The Omissions of Red Riding Hood and Her Grandma— LaVerne Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

***(Honorable Mentions)***

- 1st-The Curse of the Fire Fairy— Kate Roen, Eveleth, MN
- 2nd-The Goddess Chaos Reigns (a Tritina) — Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
- 3rd- Musings of Mars, God of War— Beth Staas, Oak Brook, IL

***(Awards of Merit)***

- 1st-Second Pig— Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN
- 2nd-THE MAGICIAN— Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato, MN
- 3rd- Godfather Death's Lament—Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN
- 4th-The Yellow Coyote and White-Crested Woman, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

**8. Woodtick Poets Award:** *Judged by*—Jiwon Choi

- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Bottle of Scotch-Should We Tell Him? —Lucy Tyrell, Bayfield, WI
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-SONNET FOR ANOTHER YEAR—Jean Prokott, Rochester, MN
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- To My Parents and to My Future Self—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-Practicum—Patti Ruskey, Mankato, MN

2nd- Farmlands in the Looking Glass —Roger Brezina, New Prague, MN

3rd- Painter—John Hamel, Rochester, MN

**(Awards of Merit)** 1st-A Very Long Name—Janice L Freytag From: Souderton, PA

2nd- Toes—Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, St. Paul, MN

3rd- Seventy—Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, ON Canada

4th- Confetti Celebrations—Nancy Simmonds, Ft Wayne, IN

**9. Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers: Judged by—David Midkiff**

1<sup>st</sup> place- Ablutions—June Blumenson, Minneapolis, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Let it be so, 2019— Suzanne Swanson, St. Paul, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Each Day the Hands Reach Up—Laura L Hansen, Little Falls, MN

**(Honorable Mentions)**

1st-AND THE PHONE HAD A ROTARY DIAL—C.G. Thompson, Greenville, NC

2nd-Clocking Out—Alan Perry, Maple Grove, MN

3rd- Write a poem—Sara Dovre Wundali, St. Paul, MN

**(Awards of Merit)**

1st-Afternoon Heavy with the Closeness of Rain—Brooks Carver, Canton, IL

2nd-GUERILLA WARFARE, BODY-STYLE— Meredith R. Cook From: Blue Earth, MN

3rd-WOMEN’S WORK—Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

4th-A Working Routine—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

**10. Southern Minnesota Poets Society : Judged by—Shawn Pavey**

1<sup>st</sup> place-Breakfast After the Funeral—Jane Hufford Downes, Hopkins, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-The Gospel Truth—Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Elegy for the Girl in the Photo—Micki Blenkush, St Cloud, MN

**(Honorable Mentions)**

1st-The House Under I-94—Laura L Hansen, Little Falls, MN

2nd-The Little Gold Moth That Died in the Palm of My Hand—Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

3rd- The Waczieleski Girls—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

**(Awards of Merit)**

1st- The Ten O-clock News—Shirley E Franklin, Arden Hills, MN

2nd- A Wedding in 1975—Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

3rd- Special Delivery—Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

4th- Blue Moon Memory—P.S. Duffy, Rochester, MN

**11. John & Helen Pappas Memorial: Judged by—Lucille Morgan Wilson**

1<sup>st</sup> place-THE DNA OF MARY MCKINNEN—Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Wheels—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place-The Trance Dancer—Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely, MN

**(Honorable Mentions)**

1st-Generations of Grandmothers—Laura Kozy Lanik, St. Paul, MN

2nd-Conjuring a Council of Elders—Laura L Hansen From: Little Falls, MN

3rd-The Bulletin—Janice L Freytag, Souderton, PA

**(Awards of Merit)**

1st- His Name was Edward—Janice S Fuller, Webster, WI

2nd-Professional Mourner—Lynda LaRocca, Salida, CO

3rd-The Family Tree—Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

4th- Treasure Chest—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

**12. Bring Back the Prairies Award: Judged by—Dr Susan Moeller**

1<sup>st</sup> place-The Muse of the Prairie—Vicky A. King, Austin, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Where the Earth is Not a Sphere—Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, ON Canada

3<sup>rd</sup> place-My Countryside—Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-A Man at Prairie's Edge—Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake, MN

2nd- Homecoming—Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

3rd-Buried on the Lone Prairie—Susan Budig, St. Louis Park, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-Cousins—Janice S. Fuller From: Webster, WI

2nd- Ditches—Lina Belar From: Perham, MN

3rd-South Dakota Wind—Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis, MN

4th-uncultivated—Suzanne Swanson, St. Paul, MN

***13. Musica Award: Judged by—J.W. Coppock***

1<sup>st</sup> place- Musicorum at St. Joseph the Worker—Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Morning Glories—Roger Brezina, New Prague, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Breakfast Sonnet—Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-A Beacon's Light—Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

2nd- Emergence—Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN

3rd- In Furious and Shameless Need I Write—Vincent O'Connor, Ely, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-Jazz Paradise—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

2nd-We Are the Wheel to Which We are Bound—Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis, MN

3rd- Winds Becoming By: Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

4th- Wintertime—Ed Brekke-Kramer, Fairmont, MN

***14. From the Sound of it: Judged by—B.J. Alligood***

1<sup>st</sup> place- From the Cabin at Evening—Walter Ralston, Sun City West, AZ

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Listening away the dark—Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Mending the Sound Barrier—Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st- The Vowels, A Warning—Alice O. Duggan, St. Paul, MN

2nd- Whistle Crack Bang Boom— Shelly Reed Thieman, West Des Moines, IA

3rd-Summer Rain, Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-Seldom Heard—Jan Chronister, Maple, WI

2nd- Award of Merit Thirst—Amy Wray Irish From: Lakewood, CO

3rd-On the Street Where I Live—Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

4th- Sounds Long Gone—Becky Alexander, Cambridge, ON Canada

***15. Writing Circles for Healing Award: Judged by—Loretta Diane Walker***

1<sup>st</sup> place- promise—Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Outremont—John Hamel, Rochester, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- New Growth—Steven Leitch, West Jordan, UT

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st- A Safe Haven—Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis, MN

2nd-Eiderdown—Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

3rd- Canyon—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st- The Hedge Cherry—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

2nd- Reconciliation—Victor Klimoski, St. Paul, MN

3rd- My Garden—Cole W. Williams, St. Paul, MN

4th- What to Do About Loss—Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, St. Paul, MN

**16. Steinography Award:** *Judged by—Steven Gillis*

1<sup>st</sup> place- Meditation on Ice 9—Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Leprosy—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Visitation—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-Finding Our Way—Jan Chronister, Maple, WI

2nd- Melancholy—Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

3rd- Ice Fishy—Cole W. Williams, St. Paul, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-Frozen Animation—Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

2nd- These Lips—Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN

3rd- Frozen—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

4th-Mirroring—Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

**17. Board Games Award:** *Judged by—Steven Concert*

1<sup>st</sup> place-After Supper—Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Senior Gaming—Maureen Baldwin, Chesterfield, MO

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Clueless—Jan Chronister, Maple, WI

***(Honorable Mentions)*** 1st-Sorry—Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

2nd-All the Clues—Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

3rd- Board Games—Linda White, Maplewood, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st- What You Learn-Playing Monopoly—Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, ON Canada

2nd-Backgammon Romance—Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield, WI

3rd-What I Learned-Playing Risk, The Game of Global domination—Laura Kozy Lanik, St. Paul, MN

4th- Covid-19; The Game of Life—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

**18. Southeastern MN Poet Award:** *Judged by—Christine Valentine*

1<sup>st</sup> place- Genes—Jon Allen, Rochester, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Taking Precautions—Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

3<sup>rd</sup> place-From the hundred poems as told by the nurse—Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-Health Plan—Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

2nd- Exercises—Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills, MN

3rd-From the Land of Enchantment—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

***(Awards of Merit)***

1st-Unwelcome Guest—Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

2nd- A Vow to Heal from Sexual Abuse—Laura Kozy Lanik, St. Paul, MN

3rd- If I could Time—Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN

4th- For a Healthy Life—Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

**19. Coral Peterson Memorial Award:** *Judged by—Lisa Toth Salinas*

1<sup>st</sup> place-I Drowed Awake, Inventing a Cat—Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Garden Mess at Night—Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- A Forager's Guide to Ferns—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-Sadness Strikes—Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN

2nd- Summer Letters—Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island, MN

3rd-City Dawn—Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

***(Awards of Merit)*** 1st-Seagull— Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights, MN

2nd- Buddha, Christ and Mohamed—Henry Panowitsch, Mankato, MN

3rd-Awakening—Victor Klimoski, St. Paul, MN

4th- The House of Wood and Stone—Ruth Keally, Watkinville, GA

**20. Lost in Translation Award:** *Judged by—* Amanda Gillis

1<sup>st</sup> place- Mandioca—Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond, TX

2<sup>nd</sup> place-We Speak To Our Dog Now—Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Rani in Translation—Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st- The Dead Sea Scribes—Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

2nd-In Translation on Safari—Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield, WI

3rd- Wareware—Cole W. Williams, St. Paul, MN

***(Awards of Merit)*** 1st- Niwaki—Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN

2nd-Love poem to my mother-in-law—Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester, MN

3rd- Prairie Parallax—Julianza Shavin, Fountain, CO

4th- The Language of Fire—Terry Jude Miller, Richmond, TX

**21. Heartland Poets Award:** *Judged by—* Gene Twaronite

1<sup>st</sup> place-In My Beginning is My End...—Richard Ramsey, Des Moines, IA

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Still: Life—Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Time—Meridel Kahl, Duluth, MN

***(Honorable Mentions)***

1st-I Wonder...—Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake, MN

2nd-You can't rely on the narrator to finish the book for you—Peter Stein, Minneapolis, MN

3rd- Creed—Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

***(Awards of Merit)*** 1st- DID ANYONE ASK THEM, DID THEY HAVE A CHOICE? —C.G. Thompson, Greenville, NC

2nd-Dead Language—Dr. Emory D. Jones, Luka, MS

3rd-The Disappearance of Little E—Susan Budig, St. Louis Park, MN

4th- The Cobbler—Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX