



# LOMP *lighter*

December 2020

## ABOUT US

League of Minnesota Poets (LOMP), organized in 1934, holds biannual meetings, supports regional chapters in Minnesota, and publishes *The Moccasin* poem anthology.

[www.mnpoets.com](http://www.mnpoets.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership fee:  
\$25 (\$10 for K-12 students)

Membership includes the quarterly newsletter, *LOMPLighter*, National Federation of State Poetry Societies membership, and the NFSPS annual publication, *Strophes*.

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Heartland Poets ... Brainerd Lakes  
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Southeastern Minnesota Poets ..... Rochester  
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Cracked Walnut ..... Twin Cities  
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## VIRTUAL BLIZZARD RETREAT JANUARY 29-30

Join us virtually for the 22nd annual Blizzard Retreat, Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30.

There will be three sessions on Friday evening and six on Saturday afternoon, plus an open mike session Saturday night. Anyone who would like to facilitate one of these sessions, a half hour program with or without a writing exercise at the end, please contact Sue Chambers, no later than January 10, with your program title and synopsis.

[schambersmediator@yahoo.com](mailto:schambersmediator@yahoo.com)

Also, at the Blizzard Retreat, we pool our resources to sponsor a category in next year's LOMP annual contest. Last year we chose "myths and fairy tales" for the 36th annual contest, and we raised \$120.00.

Join us for some or all of this virtual retreat into poetry writing and sharing opportunities!

## LOMP SPONSORS 2020-21 **POETRY OUT LOUD**

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board and South Central Service Cooperative. Since 2005, Poetry Out Loud has grown to reach more than 3.8 million students and 60,000 teachers from 16,000 schools in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

[www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org) [youtu.be/H466n5dt2qM](https://youtu.be/H466n5dt2qM)

## KEY DATES

<i>January 1, 2021</i>	LOMP membership dues deadline (to ensure NFSPS membership)
<i>January 29-30, 2021</i>	Blizzard Retreat (Virtual)

# LeadershipREPORT

As we come to the end of the year, one that has been far from ordinary, many of us are eagerly looking ahead to what 2021 will bring. The challenges that we have all faced on a personal and global level have been difficult. While distance has been the theme for 2020, it was great to see attendees at the conference from not only across the state of Minnesota, but the country as well. The gathering was less personal this year, but allowed us to hear voices of those from other states who participate in the contest. At the Fall Conference it was great to hear the wonderful poems and gather together as poets to remind us of the connection through poetry that will never fade no matter what the world throws at us. In a time of physical isolation, our words keep us connected.



Looking ahead, we will continue holding events virtually throughout the winter and spring. Both our Blizzard Retreat and our Spring Conference will be held virtually. We look forward to when we can all gather again as poets, and we want to do so safely. In the meantime, we continue to explore different ways to connect through poetry. Even when things return to whatever semblance of normal arises, the importance of these new ways of connecting out of necessity will have a lasting impact in the future. This past year has shown us that we can find new and more expansive ways to connect with one another. And the need to do so has never been more essential.

Sincerely,

Peter Stein

## LOMP CHAPTER NOTES

Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers will meet via Zoom on Saturday, December 19 at 1pm. RSVP to [annette.gagliardi@gmail.com](mailto:annette.gagliardi@gmail.com)

The Duluth Poetry Chapter meets on Zoom to discuss, workshop and read poetry. [www.facebook.com/duluthpoetrychapter/](https://www.facebook.com/duluthpoetrychapter/)



Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers has a FACEBOOK Page! Laura Lanik is our curator and Annette is posting occasional poetry prompts. Feel free to share event and publishing opportunities. Become a member. [www.facebook.com/groups/356196838817845](https://www.facebook.com/groups/356196838817845)

The Southern Minnesota Poets are also on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/southernmnpoets/](https://www.facebook.com/southernmnpoets/)

Please visit our member's author sites to give them support.

Member	Website
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# MEMBER *Achievements*

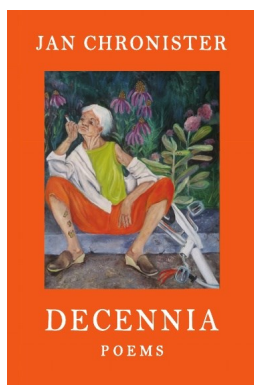
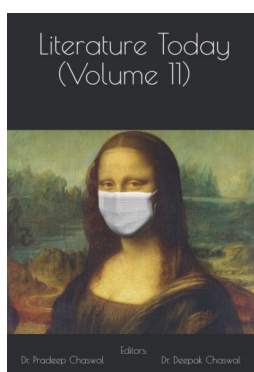
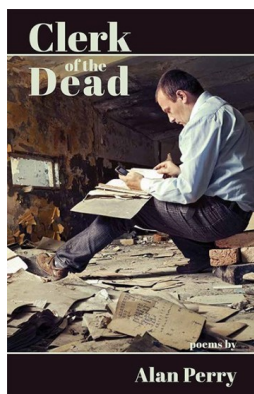
**Donna Isaac's** poem "Photography" was published by *The Poeming Pigeon, the Pop Culture Issue* (The Poetry Box, 2020). Her poems "Watching On Golden Pond Again," "Flight," and "Easter," will be published in *Moving Images: Poetry Inspired by Cinema* (Before Your Quiet Eyes Publishing, 2020). "This Fitful Life" will be published in *Pandemic Puzzle Poems* by Blue Light Press, December 2020.

**Alan Perry's** poem "COVID Wing-Day 97" was published in *Global Poemic*, his poem "Altar Calls" was published in *Right Hand Pointing*, two poems—"Aurora" and "The Sum of Her Numbers"—were published in *Open: Journal of Arts & Letters*, and a favorable review of his debut chapbook *Clerk of the Dead* was published in *At the Inkwell*.

**Annette Gagliardi** has two poems "Pandemic Encounters" and "The Verge of Grief" in the pandemic-themed recent issue of *Literature Today* (Volume 11). Her poem "Gourmand of Orange" has been nominated for the 2021 Pushcart Prize by Daniel G. Snethen, editor of *Pasque Petals*, published by the South Dakota State Poetry Society.

**Laura Kozy Lanik's** poem "A Silent Interaction" was published in *Best of Kindness 2020*, a collection of poems from the Origami Poems Project's summer 2020 poetry contest. It earned one of three honorable mentions and ranked in the top six poems.

**Jan Chronister** has poems appearing or forthcoming in *Glow* (Truth Serum Press), *The Aunt Flo Project*, and *Highland Park Poetry*. Her poem "Dichotomy" was nominated by Highland Park Poetry for "Best of the Net." Jan was invited to submit a poem to *Through This Door: Wisconsin in Poems*, an anthology edited by Margaret Rozga, Wisconsin Poet Laureate. *Decennia*, Jan Chronister's second full-length poetry collection, has been released by *Truth Serum Press*.



## ABOUT LOMP

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# POETRY CONTESTS & CALLS

## POETRY CONTESTS BY NFSPS CHAPTERS

The **Pennsylvania Poetry Society** will accept entries for its competition until January 15, 2021. [www.nfsps.com/pa/PPS-Competitions.html](http://www.nfsps.com/pa/PPS-Competitions.html)

Entries for **Mississippi Poetry Society's** Spring Festival contest must be received by Friday, February 5, 2021. Winners are announced in April, and winning poems will be published in the 2021 *Mississippi Poetry Journal*. [www.misspoetry.net/contests.html](http://www.misspoetry.net/contests.html)

The annual **WyoPoets** Eugene V. Shea National Poetry Contest opened October 1 for submissions. Entries will be accepted through December 31, 2020. This contest honors the late Eugene V. Shea, a longtime member of WyoPoets. Eugene was a prolific writer who ran the organization's national contest for many years, and his dedication to the written word, to encouraging other writers, and to WyoPoets is forever appreciated. [www.wyopoets.org/shear-contest.html](http://www.wyopoets.org/shear-contest.html)

Entries for the **Utah State Poetry Society** 2021 contest are due February 1, 2021. [www.utahpoets.com/contests/contests.html](http://www.utahpoets.com/contests/contests.html)

## BRIGHT LIGHT POETRY CONTEST

Southeastern Minnesota Poets is seeking family-friendly poems for possible inclusion in a late-winter virtual program, *Bright Light Stories in the Night*. Six poems from local writers will be illustrated by local artists and incorporated into an e-chapbook that will be read by local celebrities—including Rochester's Mayor Kim Norton—on the evening of February 26, 2021. Thanks to grant funding from the SEMAC, the winning poets will each receive \$100 in prize money. Honorable mentions will receive \$50. [www.facebook.com/SoutheasternMNPoets/](https://www.facebook.com/SoutheasternMNPoets/)

## SPLIT ROCK REVIEW ACCEPTING POEMS FOR SPRING ISSUE

Submit unpublished poetry that explores place, environment, and the intersection of nature and culture. Due December 31. [www.splitrockreview.org/submit](http://www.splitrockreview.org/submit)

## PANDEMIC PENPAL POETRY PROJECT

Help LOMP reach out to our neighbors in congregate housing who may have little or no opportunity to get outside, and may not be able to welcome visitors during this time of COVID 19 isolation. Send cheerful, encouraging poems and messages (your own poems or works in the public domain) for distribution to people of all ages. Email your contributions in the body of an email or as Word docs to [penpalpoets@gmail.com](mailto:penpalpoets@gmail.com). Use an easy-to-read font since many of the poems will be delivered to elders.

## NFSPS 61ST ANNUAL CONTEST

The 2021 NFSPS annual poetry contest categories have been announced. Submissions will be accepted between January 1 and March 15, 2021.

To be eligible for members-only categories, your LOMP dues must be paid by January 1, 2021.

[www.nfsps.com/poetry\\_contests.htm](http://www.nfsps.com/poetry_contests.htm)

## NFSPS CUP COMPETITION

The College Undergraduate Poetry competition is open to any undergraduate student working toward a degree in an accredited US college or university during the submission period (December 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021). Submit a manuscript of ten original, unpublished poems, and a \$10 fee by January 31, 2021. Two winners will be chosen, one for the Edna Meudt Memorial Award; the other for the Florence Kahn Memorial Award. [www.nfsps.com/CUP.html](http://www.nfsps.com/CUP.html)

## MANNINGHAM TRUST

The Manningham Trust Competition is a national poetry contest for public, private and home-schooled students in grades 6 -12. Minnesota youth have until January 15, 2021, to submit an original poem via Submittable. Winning poems will be published in the League of Minnesota Poets annual chapbook *The Moccasin*, and the top ten poems will advance to the national level. [www.mnpoets.org/student-opportunities/](http://www.mnpoets.org/student-opportunities/)

## 1 John Calvin Rezmerski Memorial

*Judged by Julie Cummings*

- ① *I am a Salmon, I am Not a Salmon*, Jean Prokott, Rochester MN
- ② *Skinny Genes*, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN
- ③ *In Media Res*, Micki Blenkush, Saint Cloud MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *For Ian*, Lorraine Jeffery, Orem UT
- ② *Train Wreck*, Peter Stein, Minneapolis MN
- ③ *Love/Labor/Lost*, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Upfront about Elephants in the Room*, Sue Stevens Chambers, Mankato MN
- 2 *Wedding Reception*, Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth MN
- 3 *I Cannot Say I Did Not*, Micki Blenkush, Saint Cloud MN
- 4 *On Nights Like This*, Peter Stein, Minneapolis MN

## 3 Stone Gathering Award

*Judged by Laurence W. Thomas*

- ① *The Feeder Dance for Cardinals*, Lorraine Jeffery, Orem UT
- ② *The True Meaning of Travel*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN
- ③ *Stories from the Lake District*, Ann Glumac, Duluth MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *Inisbofin Island, County Galway, Ireland*, Beth Spencer, Eden Prairie MN
- ② *Interlude*, Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN
- ③ *Cruising*, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *When the Tour Bus Breaks*, Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne IN
- 2 *Finding*, Walter Ralston, Sun City West AZ
- 3 *The Coconut*, Janice L. Freytag, Souderton PA
- 4 *Big Shot*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN

## 5 Stevens Family Award

*Judged by John Foster*

- ① *Soft-lined Box*, Lorraine Jeffery, Orem UT
- ② *Where the Heart Is*, Lynda LaRocca, Salida CO
- ③ *Just Like Mom*, Janice S. Fuller, Webster WI

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *Beside You*, Micki Blenkush, Saint Cloud MN
- ② *about the music*, Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley MN
- ③ *Request to the Buyer*, Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *As You Marry*, Ann Glumac, Duluth MN
- 2 *Knowing Them*, Victor Klimoski, Saint Paul MN
- 3 *Figure Skater*, Murray McCartan, Richfield MN
- 4 *Panning For Staurolites*, Susan Budig, Saint Louis Park MN

## 2 The Moccasin Award

*Judged by Budd Powell Mahan*

- ① *Fair Trade*, Kathleen Wedl, Edina MN
- ② *Ode to Stopping*, Jean Prokott, Rochester MN
- ③ *Prayer on the Cusp*, Ann Glumac, Duluth MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *Descent*, Jan Chronister, Maple WI
- ② *Nature's Poetry*, LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK
- ③ *Sometimes*, Teri Joyce, Rochester MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Still Around*, Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors MN
- 2 *Heart Thrown Open*, Patti Ruskey, Mankato MN
- 3 *A Poet's Retreat*, Von S. Bourland, Happy TX
- 4 *Meditation*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN

## 4 Story Portage Award

*Judged by Lynda La Rocca*

- ① *Philoso-Tree*, Jean Prokott, Rochester MN
- ② *Tree Therapy*, Sandra Kacher, Burnsville MN
- ③ *What the Trees Said*, Ann Glumac, Duluth MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *on distant hills there stands a lonely pine*, Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne, IN
- ② *The Maple Tree*, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN
- ③ *Count Down*, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Cenotaph*, Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato MN
- 2 *The Fir Tree*, Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, Saint Paul MN
- 3 *Crescent Lake Ridge Trail*, Ellen Lager, Robbinsdale MN
- 4 *Trees of Winter Night*, Dan Dietrich, Red Wing MN

## 6 Florence Hynes Willette Memorial

*Judged by Alicia Barton*

- ① *Farm Home Transformation*, Susan Stevens Chamber, Mankato MN
- ② *The Dream of a Farmer*, Susan Budig, Saint Louis Park MN
- ③ *Dairy Farmer*, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ① *Winter Farm*, Linda White, Maplewood MN
- ② *Sweet Memory of Loam*, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada
- ③ *Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time*, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Out of Service*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
- 2 *Counting Red-Winged Blackbirds*, Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne IN
- 3 *Penance Bread*, Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond TX
- 4 *The Second Breakfast 1924*, Patrick Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis



# 36TH ANNUAL LOMP POETRY CONTEST RESULTS

## 7 Blizzard Writers Award

*Judged by Amy Wray Irish*

- ❶ *Six Swans*, Jenna Pashley, Richmond TX
- ❷ *Lesson from Theseus*, Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA
- ❸ *The Omissions of Red Riding Hood and Her Grandma*, LaVerne Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *The Curse of the Fire Fairy*, Kate Roen, Eveleth MN
- ❷ *The Goddess Chaos Reigns (a Tritina)*, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX
- ❸ *Musings of Mars, God of War*, Beth Staas, Oak Brook IL

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Second Pig*, Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
- 2 *The Magician*, Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato MN
- 3 *Godfather Death's Lament*, Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN
- 4 *The Yellow Coyote and White-Crested Woman*, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake MN

## 9 Mississippi Valley Poets Award

*Judged by David Midkiff*

- ❶ *Ablutions*, June Blumenson, Minneapolis MN
- ❷ *Let It Be So, 2019*, Suzanne Swanson, Saint Paul MN
- ❸ *Each Day the Hands Reach Up*, Laura L Hansen, Little Falls MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *And the Phone Had a Rotary Dial*, C.G. Thompson, Greenville NC
- ❷ *Clocking Out*, Alan Perry, Maple Grove MN
- ❸ *Write a Poem*, Sara Dove Wundali, Saint Paul MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Afternoon Heavy with the Closeness of Rain*, Brooks Carver, Canton IL
- 2 *Guerilla Warfare, Body-Style*, Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth MN
- 3 *Women's Work*, Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN
- 4 *A Working Routine*, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

## 11 John & Helen Pappas Memorial

*Judged by Lucille Morgan Wilson*

- ❶ *The DNA of Mary McKinnen*, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada
- ❷ *Wheels*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
- ❸ *The Trance Dancer*, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *Generations of Grandmothers*, Laura Kozy Lanik, Saint Paul MN
- ❷ *Conjuring a Council of Elders*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN
- ❸ *The Bulletin*, Janice L Freytag, Souderton PA

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *His Name was Edward*, Janice S. Fuller, Webster WI
- 2 *Professional Mourner*, Lynda LaRocca, Salida CO
- 3 *The Family Tree*, Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood CO
- 4 *Treasure Chest*, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

## 8 Woodtick Poets Award

*Judged by Jiwon Choi*

- ❶ *Bottle of Scotch—Should We Tell Him?* Lucy Tyrell, Bayfield WI
- ❷ *Sonnet for Another Year*, Jean Prokott, Rochester MN
- ❸ *To My Parents and to My Future Self*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *Practicum*, Patti Ruskey, Mankato MN
- ❷ *Farmlands in the Looking Glass*, Roger Brezina, New Prague MN
- ❸ *Painter*, John Hamel, Rochester MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *A Very Long Name*, Janice L. Freytag, Souderton PA
- 2 *Toes*, Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, Saint Paul MN
- 3 *Seventy*, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, ON Canada
- 4 *Confetti Celebrations*, Nancy Simmonds, Fort Wayne IN

## 10 Southern MN Poets Award

*Judged by Shawn Pavey*

- ❶ *Breakfast after the Funeral*, Jane Hufford Downes, Hopkins MN
- ❷ *The Gospel Truth*, Jeanette Marie Cox, Ely MN
- ❸ *Elegy for the Girl in the Photo*, Micki Blenkush, Saint Cloud MN

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *The House Under I-94*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN
- ❷ *The Little Gold Moth That Died in the Palm of My Hand*, Julianza Shavin, Fountain CO
- ❸ *The Waczieleski Girls*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *The Ten O'clock News*, Shirley E. Franklin, Arden Hills MN
- 2 *A Wedding in 1975*, Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN
- 3 *Special Delivery*, Steven Leitch, West Jordan UT
- 4 *Blue Moon Memory*, P.S. Duffy, Rochester MN

## 12 Back the Prairies Award

*Judged by Dr Susan Moeller*

- ❶ *The Muse of the Prairie*, Vicky A. King, Austin MN
- ❷ *Where the Earth is Not a Sphere*, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada
- ❸ *My Countryside*, Julianza Shavin, Fountain CO

### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ *A Man at Prairie's Edge*, Judith Feenstra, Maple Lake MN
- ❷ *Homecoming*, Lorraine Jeffery, Orem UT
- ❸ *Buried on the Lone Prairie*, Susan Budig, Saint Louis Park MN

### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 *Cousins*, Janice S. Fuller, Webster WI
- 2 *Ditches*, Lina Belar, Perham MN
- 3 *South Dakota Wind*, Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis MN
- 4 *uncultivated*, Suzanne Swanson, Saint Paul MN

### 13 Musica Award

*Judged by J.W. Coppock*

- ❶ ***Musicorum at St. Joseph the Worker,***  
Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth MN
- ❷ ***Morning Glories,***  
Roger Brezina, New Prague MN
- ❸ ***Breakfast Sonnet,***  
Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***A Beacon's Light,***  
Steven Leitch, West Jordan UT
- ❷ ***Emergence,***  
Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
- ❸ ***In Furious and Shameless Need I Write,*** Vincent O'Connor, Ely MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***Jazz Paradise,***  
Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
- 2 ***We Are the Wheel to Which We are Bound,***  
Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis MN
- 3 ***Winds Becoming,***  
Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN
- 4 ***Wintertime,***  
Ed Brekke-Kramer, Fairmont MN

### 15 Writing Circles for Healing Award

*Judged by Loretta Diane Walker*

- ❶ ***Promise,*** Charles Patterson Curry,  
Apple Valley MN
- ❷ ***Outremont,***  
John Hamel, Rochester MN
- ❸ ***New Growth,***  
Steven Leitch, West Jordan UT

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***A Safe Haven,***  
Annette Gagliardi, Minneapolis MN
- ❷ ***Eiderdown,***  
Lorraine Jeffery, Orem UT
- ❸ ***Canyon,***  
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***The Hedge Cherry,***  
Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN
- 2 ***Reconciliation,***  
Victor Klimoski, Saint Paul MN
- 3 ***My Garden,***  
Cole W. Williams, Saint Paul MN
- 4 ***What to Do About Loss,*** Mary Jo  
Robinson-Jamison, Saint Paul MN

### 17 Board Games Award

*Judged by Steven Concert*

- ❶ ***After Supper,***  
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
- ❷ ***Senior Gaming,***  
Maureen Baldwin, Chesterfield, MO
- ❸ ***Clueless,*** Jan Chronister, Maple WI

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***Sorry,*** Charmaine Pappas Donovan,  
Brainerd MN
- ❷ ***All the Clues,***  
Catherine Moran, Little Rock AR
- ❸ ***Board Games,***  
Linda White, Maplewood MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***What You Learn Playing Monopoly,***  
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON Canada
- 2 ***Backgammon Romance,***  
Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield WI
- 3 ***What I Learned Playing Risk (The Game of Global Domination),***  
Laura Kozy Lanik, Saint Paul MN
- 4 ***Covid-19; The Game of Life,***  
Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN

### 14 From the Sound of It Award

*Judged by B.J. Alligood*

- ❶ ***From the Cabin at Evening,***  
Walter Ralston, Sun City West AZ
- ❷ ***Listening Away the Dark,***  
Catherine Moran, Little Rock AR
- ❸ ***Mending the Sound Barrier,***  
Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***The Vowels, A Warning,***  
Alice O. Duggan, Saint Paul MN
- ❷ ***Whistle Crack Bang Boom,***  
Shelly Reed Thieman, W Des Moines IA
- ❸ ***Summer Rain,***  
Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***Seldom Heard,***  
Jan Chronister, Maple WI
- 2 ***Thirst,*** Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood CO
- 3 ***On the Street Where I Live,***  
Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA
- 4 ***Sounds Long Gone,***  
Becky Alexander, Cambridge ON Canada

### 16 Steinography Award

*Judged by Steven Gillis*

- ❶ ***Meditation on Ice 9,***  
Julianza Shavin, Fountain CO
- ❷ ***Leprosy,***  
Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN
- ❸ ***Visitation,***  
Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***Finding Our Way,***  
Jan Chronister, Maple WI
- ❷ ***Melancholy,***  
Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN
- ❸ ***Ice Fishy,***  
Cole W. Williams, Saint Paul MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***Frozen Animation,***  
Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
- 2 ***These Lips,***  
Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
- 3 ***Frozen,*** Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
- 4 ***Mirroring,***  
Terry Jude Miller, Richmond TX

### 18 Southeastern MN Poets Award

*Judged by Christine Valentine*

- ❶ ***Genes,*** Jon Allen, Rochester MN
- ❷ ***Taking Precautions,***  
Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
- ❸ ***From the Hundred Poems as Told by the Nurse,*** Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN

#### *Honorable Mentions*

- ❶ ***Health Plan,***  
Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth MN
- ❷ ***Exercises,*** Shirley Smith Franklin,  
Arden Hills MN
- ❸ ***From the Land of Enchantment,***  
Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN

#### *Awards of Merit*

- 1 ***Unwelcome Guest,***  
Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN
- 2 ***A Vow to Heal from Sexual Abuse,***  
Laura Kozy Lanik, Saint Paul MN
- 3 ***If I Could Time,***  
Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake MN
- 4 ***For a Healthy Life,***  
Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

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## 19 Coral Peterson Memorial Award

Judged by Lisa Toth Salinas

- ① *I Drowsed Awake, Inventing a Cat*, Micki Blenkush, Saint Cloud MN
- ② *Garden Mess at Night*, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN
- ③ *A Forager's Guide to Ferns*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN

### Honorable Mentions

- ① *Sadness Strikes*, Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors MN
- ② *Summer Letters*, Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island MN
- ③ *City Dawn*, Julianza Shavin, Fountain CO

### Awards of Merit

- 1 *Seagull*, Donna Isaac, Inver Grove Heights MN
- 2 *Buddha, Christ and Mohamed*, Henry Panowitsch, Mankato MN
- 3 *Awakening*, Victor Klimoski, Saint Paul MN
- 4 *The House of Wood and Stone*, Ruth Keally, Watkinsville GA

## 20 Lost in Translation Award

Judged by Amanda Gillis

- ① *Mandioca*, Jenna Pashley Smith, Richmond TX
- ② *We Speak to our Dog Now*, Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
- ③ *Rani in Translation*, Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls MN

### Honorable Mentions

- ① *The Dead Sea Scribes*, Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood CO
- ② *In Translation on Safari*, Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield WI
- ③ *Wareware*, Cole W. Williams, Saint Paul MN

### Awards of Merit

- 1 *Niwaki*, Nancy Cook, Saint Paul MN
- 2 *Love Poem to my Mother-in-law*, Pamela Sinicrope, Rochester MN
- 3 *Prairie Parallax*, Julianza Shavin, Fountain CO
- 4 *The Language of Fire*, Terry Jude Miller, Richmond TX

## 21 Heartland Poets Award

Judged by Gene Twaronite

- ① *In My Beginning is My End...*, Richard Ramsey, Des Moines IA
- ② *Still: Life*, Charles Patterson Curry, Apple Valley MN
- ③ *Time*, Meridel Kahl, Duluth MN

### Honorable Mentions

- ① *I Wonder...*, Matthew Feeney, Moose Lake MN
- ② *You Can't Rely on the Narrator to Finish the Book for You*, Peter Stein, Minneapolis MN
- ③ *Creed*, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

### Awards of Merit

- 1 *Did Anyone Ask Them, Did They Have a Choice?* C.G. Thompson, Greenville NC
- 2 *Dead Language*, Dr. Emory D. Jones, Luka MS
- 3 *The Disappearance of Little E*, Susan Budig, Saint Louis Park MN
- 4 *The Cobbler*, Nick Sweet, Shepherd TX



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