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LOMP *lighter*

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

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*.

Mail fees to
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CHAPTERS

Heartland Poets ... Brainerd Lakes
Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers Twin Cities
Southeastern Minnesota Poets Rochester
Southern Minnesota Poets Society Mankato
Grand View Poets St. Cloud/Sartell
Cracked Walnut Twin Cities
Story Portage Poets Ely
Duluth Poets Duluth
Penned Poets Virtual

23RD ANNUAL BLIZZARD RETREAT JANUARY 27-30

Join us Thursday, January 27, through Sunday, January 30, 2022, for the 23rd Annual Blizzard Writers Poetry Retreat across Park Street from Lake Pepin in Lake City.

We will not be wearing masks during the retreat, so you will be required to demonstrate that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and received your booster shot before Wednesday, January 12. In addition, you must have a negative COVID test a day or two (no more than three) before the retreat.

You must be a current (2022) LOMP member to attend. The fee for the Retreat is \$120 for the full weekend, from check-in at 4:00pm Thursday until 10:00am Sunday. If you do not need lodging, join us for \$20 per day (\$50 for the full weekend). Make checks payable to LOMP and mail to Retreat Coordinator Sue Chambers, PO Box 422, Mankato, MN 56002, by Friday, January 21. Contact Sue to discuss scholarship opportunities, or for more information, at 507-387-8154 or schambersmediator@yahoo.com.

Bring food and/or beverages to share. If you have special needs or food allergies, bring what you need for the weekend. Participants will be grouped into meal preparation teams, and everyone will help clean up.

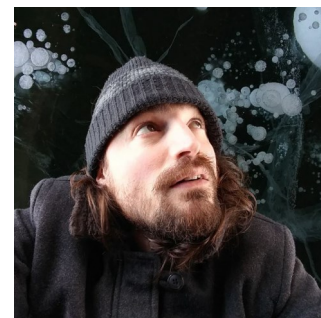
Bring poems to share at read-arounds, and prepare a poetry program that is at least 30 minutes in length. The program can be anything—physical activity that will stimulate writing; a writing workshop; a favorite author; a new form; a lecture; a special taped program that you want to lead a discussion on...the possibilities are endless. Joint programs are also permissible.

KEY DATES

<i>Saturday, January 1, 2022</i>	Deadline for 2022 dues to ensure membership in NFSPS
<i>January 27-30, 2022</i>	Blizzard Retreat

LeadershipREPORT

Despite the uncertainties that have become certainties themselves, the League has been buzzing with activity. Although these times have been keeping us apart in many ways, we have been finding ways to stay connected through Poetry. Seeing so many faces again as well as many new ones, albeit masked, brought back a personal connection with poetry that I had been struggling to find over the past year. It reminded me that at its core, poetry is about connecting us on a personal level. In a continuation of this connection, the League has been supporting a variety of endeavors that fulfill this mission. Thanks to Amanda Bailey, we have launched our Penned Poets, a virtual Chapter of the League of Minnesota Poets. We are also sponsoring the online journal Rock Paper Poem which just released its first online issue. A great thanks goes out to Alan Perry, Vince O'Connor, Susan McMillan, Pam Sinicrope, Deborah Goschy, and Linda White for birthing this into the world. The Southeastern Minnesota Poets are once again doing their Bright Light Stories in the Night project and look forward to seeing their collaboration of poetry and art. Along with these projects, our regular chapters and various reading series that we sponsor are still carrying on. An immense appreciation on behalf of the League goes out to all the organizers of these that have troubleshooted, and zoomed, and rescheduled, and everything else necessary to keep the fires of poetry burning throughout these extraordinary times.



We will continue to forge ahead with more in person events and do what we can to make the necessary precautions and adjustments as the situation dictates. For our Blizzard Retreat, we will be requiring full vaccination (booster included) AND a negative test result taken that week. We will not be requiring masks for attendees, so we feel these precautions are needed to make sure people are safe and to curb any potential spreading.

Sincerely,

Peter Stein, President of the League of Minnesota Poets

LOMP CHAPTER NOTES

Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers
Facebook group:

[www.facebook.com/
groups/356196838817845](https://www.facebook.com/groups/356196838817845)

The Duluth Poetry Chapter meets
every Sunday at 1:00pm via Zoom:

[www.facebook.com/
duluthpoetrychapter/](https://www.facebook.com/duluthpoetrychapter/)

The Southern Minnesota Poets'
Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/
southernmnpoets/](https://www.facebook.com/southernmnpoets/)

Poets & Pints YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCRqQVoVHBtqE87WFoOaRqjA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRqQVoVHBtqE87WFoOaRqjA)

Please visit our members' websites to give them support.

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MEMBER *Achievements*

Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler's poem, "Remember," and her creative nonfiction, "Process of Elimination," were published in Volume 30 of *The Talking Stick*.

Patrick Cabello Hansel has poems published or forthcoming in *Closed Eye Open*, *Snapdragon*, *Bacopa Literary Review* and *North Dakota Quarterly*.

Susan Cossette received a Pushcart nomination for "Scene from a Family Celebration" in the *Loch Raven Review*.

Diane Martini Richard received a Pushcart nomination for "Exit, Pursued by a Bear" in *Pembroke* magazine.



CRACKED WALNUT

Poets & Pints #79

December 15, 2021 @ 7pm

Lora Robinson

Patrick Hansel

Lisasia Wild

Lewis Mundt

Live at Sisyphus Brewing and on the P&P YouTube Channel

MINNESOTA POETS

SAVE THE DATE—LOMP SPRING CONFERENCE

The LOMP Spring Conference will be held April 23-24 at the Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 2nd Ave SW, Rochester.



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, 2022. www.nfsps.com/pa/PPS-Competitions.html

Entries for **Mississippi Poetry Society's** Spring Festival contest must be received by Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Winners are announced in April, and winning poems will be published in the 2022 *Mississippi Poetry Journal*. 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, 2021. 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

Entries for the **Utah State Poetry Society** 2021 contest are due February 1, 2022. www.utahpoets.com/contests/contests.html

SPLIT ROCK REVIEW ACCEPTING POEMS FOR SPRING ISSUE

Submit unpublished poetry that explores place, environment, and the intersection of nature and culture. Due January 31.

www.splitrockreview.org/submit

BRIGHT LIGHT POETRY CONTEST

Southeastern Minnesota Poets is once again seeking family-friendly poems for possible inclusion in a second edition of *Bright Light Stories in the Night*. Six winning poems from local writers will be illustrated by local artists and incorporated into a e-chapbook that will be read by local celebrities on the evening of March 4, 2022. Two honorable mentions will also be named, illustrated, and read at this virtual event. This year's theme is: from polestar to terra firma. Winning poems and illustrations will also be on display at the SEMVA Gallery in March 2022. Thanks to grant funding from the SEMAC, six winning poets will receive \$100 in prize money.

Bright Light Stories in the Night

A Collection of Poetry and Artwork
From Southeast Minnesota

NFSPS 62ND ANNUAL CONTEST

The 2022 NFSPS annual poetry contest categories have been announced. Submissions will be accepted between January 1 and March 15, 2022.

To be eligible for members-only categories, your LOMP dues must be paid by January 1, 2022.

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, 2021 through January 31, 2022). Submit a manuscript of ten original, unpublished poems, and a \$10 fee by January 31, 2022. 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

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, 2022, 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

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPERIOR SHARES OPEN MIC

Wednesday, January 12, 6:00pm,
and Wednesday, February 9,
6:00pm, Lake Superior Writers will
host *Superior Shares*, a virtual open
mic for local writers to share their
work in progress.

There will be 10 five-minute slots
available on a first come first served
basis, with priority given to Lake
Superior Writer members. A Zoom
link will be sent out the day of the
event.

This event is free and membership
is not required. Participants will be
notified ahead of time if they have
been selected to read. To register

PENNED POETS: A VIRTUAL CHAPTER OF LOMP

You are invited to join Penned Poets, a new, virtual, chapter of the
League of Minnesota Poets that meets each Wednesday at 7:00pm on
Zoom. We rotate 4 meeting formats:

1. Somebody Else's Poem—we read and discuss poems by poets not in attendance.
2. Member's Workshop—a member delivers a 20 to 30-minute presentation with a 10 to 15-minute discussion or writing activity at the end.
3. Support Session—members get constructive assistance with poems.
4. Performance Poetry—member poets practice delivering their poetry to an audience. In any style – Reading, Slam, Spoken Word, etc.

Email pennedpoets@gmail.com to receive the meeting links, and follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072469579726

(Please be aware that posting an original poem on this public Facebook page is considered publishing and may disqualify the poem from entry to some contests or publications.)



LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: Adults \$25.00, Students (K-12) \$10.00. Please submit dues by **January 1** to be eligible for membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Dues paid after October 31 will be applied to the upcoming calendar year. Dues may be paid online via PayPal at www.mnpoets.org/membership or by mailing a check with this form.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

If you are a new member, how did you hear about LOMP? _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to LOMP and mail to: LOMP, PO Box 17344, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Questions about membership? Email Leagueofmnpoets@gmail.com

LOMP Poetry Contest RESULTS

1 John Calvin Rezmerski Memorial

Judged by Steven Concert

- ① *End of Summer Fireflies*,
Dennis Herschbach, MN
- ② *Let's Meet*, Julie Martin, MN
- ③ *A Wilder Wildflower*,
Roger Brezina, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ① *What I Want at My Funeral*,
Sue Stevens Chambers, MN
- ② *Once More I Heard the Frogs Singing*,
Ellen Lager, MN
- ③ *Blue Is the Sky on Your Tongue*,
Laura Hanson, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *I teach my niece to write a poem from
visual art writing my own poem on the
pages of approaching spring*,
Libby Casey Irwin, MN
- 2 *Crow Song*,
- 3 *She Was the Black Starling*,
Annette Gagliardi, MN
- 4 *Song of Kooser's Buttons*,
Lorraine Jeffery, UT

2 Story Portage Award

Judged by Carol Clark Williams

- ① *Slant*, Terry Jude Miller, TX
- ② *This is Who I Am*, Bill Herring, MN
- ③ *Schrodinger's Writer*,
Amy Wray Irish, CO

Honorable Mentions

- ① *Poets Are Thieves*, Peter Stein, MN
- ② *Sight Unseen*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada
- ③ *Crafting From Debris*,
Micki Blenkush, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Lodestone*, Jan Chronister, MN
- 2 *What We Must Do*,
DyAnne Korda, MN
- 3 *Self-Portrait*, Susan McMillan, MN
- 4 *Girl Scout Recovering*,
Nicole Borg, MN

3 Moccasin Award

Judged by Judge Jiwon Choi

- ① *On a Firefly Night in 1959*,
Bill Herring, MN
- ② *Green Street*, Steven R Vogel, MN
- ③ *Breech after Nine Months and Two
Weeks*, Pamela Sinicrope, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ① *Crickets*,
Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, MN
- ② *Catfish Jambalaya*, Julie Martin, MN
- ③ *Sacred Music*, Dr Emory D Jones, MS

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Eulogy of an Old Hound*,
Susan McMillan, MN
- 2 *Instead of Walls*, Lina Belar, MN
- 3 *No Show Today*,
Valerie Writer Bump, CA

4 Mike Finley Humor Award

Judged by River Urke

- ① *Extremities*, Linda White, MN
- ② *In the Buff*, June Blumenson, MN
- ③ *That Rubs*, Hal Madderom, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ① *Star Party*, Trina Lee, OK
- ② *What Would Jesus Do*, Bill Herring, MN
- ③ *Rock Bottom*, Jerri Hardesty, AL

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Last Tuesday I Stuck....Mr Bean*,
Trinity Fritz Lawrence, MN
- 2 *Ersatz Astronaut*,
Pamela Sinicrope, MN
- 3 *40 Winks*, Alan Perry, MN
- 4 *Katherine the Great*,
James McNair, MN

5 Stevens Family Award

Judged by Maggie Westvold

- ① *By The Numbers*, Beth Spencer, MN
- ② *Dachsund, Cuckoos and Mutti*,
Henry Panowitsch, MN
- ③ *encore*, Terry Jude Miller, TX

Honorable Mentions

- ① *Sunday Services*, Kathleen J Pettit, MN
- ② *Oil Change*, Jan Chronister, WI
- ③ *She Fought Me Hugs and Kisses*,
Roger Brezina, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *How to Let Go of a Sister*,
Teri Joyce, MN
- 2 *Clinging*, Mardi Knudson, MN
- 3 *Had I Known You Better*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada
- 4 *Frisbee as Foreplay*, Irene Alderson, MN

6 Apparel Award

Judged by BJ Alligood

- ① *A Simple Joy*, Dennis Herschbach, MN
- ② *Dress Me Like A Hawk*, Teri Joyce, MN
- ③ *Crazy Quilt*, Donna Isaac, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ① *Getting Ready*, Trina Lee, OK
- ② *She Borrows My Clothes*,
Susan McMillan, MN
- ③ *Why Red?* Pamela Sinicrope, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Shopping Habits of the White-Breasted
Bargain Hunter*, Jan Chronister, MN
- 2 *Egg Money*, Nancy Simmonds, IN
- 3 *Dressing Up*, Beth Staas, IL
- 4 *Closet in Deep Cover*, Ellen Lager, MN

7 Blizzard Writers Award

Judged by S.P. Jayaraj

- ❶ *Once Upon*,
Susan Stevens Chambers, MN
- ❷ *I am a god and so are you*,
Peter Stein, MN
- ❸ *Those Grimm facts of life*,
Catherine Moran, AR

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *The Forgotten Lives of Trees*,
Henry Panowitsch, MN
- ❷ *Persephone'd Dilemma*,
Irene Alderson, MN
- ❸ *In Fairy Tales*,

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *Another Lost Cause*, James McNair, MN
- ❷ *A Story of Yams*, Donna Isaac, MN
- ❸ *Mermaid Spawning Grounds*,
Roger Brezina, MN
- ❹ *The Dream Catcher*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada

8 Woodticks Poets Award

Judged by Antonia Salinas Murguía

- ❶ *Bereft*, Lynda La Rocca, CO
- ❷ *Home*, Pandora Nu, PA
- ❸ *a dozen days of dying*,
Terry Jude Miller, TX

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *Funeral Moon*, Linda White, MN
- ❷ *Derailed*, Nicole Borg, MN
- ❸ *In Praise of My Left Knee*,
Alan Perry, MN

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *A Graceful Story*, Martha Nasch, AZ
- ❷ *Bedroom Drama*, Maureen Baldwin, FL
- ❸ *Circles*, Susan Reid, HI
- ❹ *Mother's Mirror*, Lorraine Jeffery, UT

9 Mississippi Valley Poets

Judged by Budd Powell Mahan

- ❶ *Dangerous Furniture*,
Terry Jude Miller, TX
- ❷ *Mowing Grass*,
Esther Marcella Hoffman, MN
- ❸ *The Corporate Ladder*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *The Shirts off His Back*,
Pamela Sinicrope, MN
- ❷ *How Small Things Remind Me I'm Alive*,
Patricia Barnes, MI
- ❸ *Caught in the Swell*, Laura Hansen, MN

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *Coffee Cups*, Linda White, MN
- ❷ *A Day Kept Under My Hat*,
Sara Gipson, AR
- ❸ *Menagerie*, Peter Stein, MN
- ❹ *Changing My Daily Routine*,
Maureen Baldwin, FL

10 Southern MN Poets Society

Judged by Mary Stanko

- ❶ *Dissonance*, Deborah Goschy, MN
- ❷ *Hearing Things*,
Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, MN
- ❸ *Sugar High*, Donna Isaac, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *2:22AM Cedar Rapids*,
Susan McMillan, MN
- ❷ *Jan*, Brittany N Jackel, MN
- ❸ *Skol*, Mark Lucker, MN

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *Penned*, Linda White, MN
- ❷ *Lovesick*, Patricia Barnes, MI
- ❸ *An Unnamed Restaurant in an Unnamed Town*, Jan Chronister, WI
- ❹ *Cattails in that Triangle of Remaining Wetland along Ninth Avenue*, Micki Blenkush, MN

11 Paul Walch Memorial Award

Judged by JoAn Howerton

- ❶ *A Mother's Dream*, Beth Staas, IL
- ❷ *The Night Painter*, Laura Hansen, MN
- ❸ *Medieval Joust*, Trina Lee, OK

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *At dusk beside a lamp light curls into a watermark*, Pamela Sinicrope, MN
- ❷ *What I must Learn*,
Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, MN
- ❸ *Titled Windmills*, Susan McMillan, MN

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *Backlash British Style*, Nancy Cook, MN
- ❷ *Catharsis*, Stephen Sanchez IV, MN
- ❸ *Keeping Up Appearances*, Shirley Smith Franklin, MN
- ❹ *Beware of Fast Talk*,
Amanda Bailey, MN

12 John & Helen Pappas Memorial

Judged by Lisa Toth Salinas

- ❶ *An Autumn Visit to Calvary*,
Patrick Cabello Hansel, MN
- ❷ *Pulling Burs*, Steven R. Vogel, MN
- ❸ *My People*, Nicole Borg, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *Self-Portrait with your Baby Tooth*,
Beth Spencer, MN
- ❷ *Legacy in Passing*, Meredith R Cook, MN
- ❸ *The Silence of Slovenia*, Lina Belar, MN

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *Land of the Pioneers*, CN Bucholtz, MN
- ❷ *Something Else I inherited from my mother*, Micki Blenkush, MN
- ❸ *Mountain Born*, Sara Gipson, AR
- ❹ *Lasting Reflections*, Nancy Cook, MN

13 Florence Hynes Willette Memorial

Judged by Karen Bailey

- ❶ *Dental Angst*, Sara Gipson, AR
- ❷ *Mates for Life?* Deborah Goschy, MN
- ❸ *A Sonnet to Shakespeare's Kitchen*,
Jane Hufford Downes, MN

Honorable Mentions

- ❶ *Cheese (aged Kilmerish)*,
Mark Lucker, MN
- ❷ *Deep Freeze*, Dr. Emory D Jones, MS
- ❸ *Kinfolk*, Maureen Baldwin, FL

Awards of Merit

- ❶ *How to Raise Chickens*,
Jan Chronister, MN
- ❷ *What To Do on a Sinking Ship*,
Peter Stein, MN
- ❸ *Somebody Has To*,
- ❹ *Color from a Bottle*,
Lorraine Jeffery, UT

37TH ANNUAL LOMP POETRY CONTEST RESULTS

14 Bring Back the Prairies Award

Judged by Sara Gipson

- 1 *High Plains*, Dr. Emory D Jones, MS
- 2 *On Life Support*, Dennis Herschbach
- 3 *What will we find behind*,

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *Walter*, Janice S Fuller, WI
- 2 *On the Trail to Paradise*,
- 3 *Thunder Rumbles*,

Awards of Merit

- 1 *I am Prairie*, Susan Stevens Chambers
- 2 *Grasses in a vase*, Micki Blenkush, MN
- 3 *The Prairie*, Tanya R. Whitney, LA
- 4 *Remnants*, Jan Chronister, WI

15 An Ordinary Award

Judged by Loretta Diane Walker

- 1 *To a Willow Once Stood*,
Steven R Vogel, MN
- 2 *Ode to the Burning Fireplace*,
Meredith R Cook, MN
- 3 *In Praise of a Table-Top Fan*,
Janice L Freytag, PA

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *An Early Morning Divertissement*,
Mary Willette Hughes, MN
- 2 *An Ode*, William J Anderson, MN
- 3 *A Self-Portrait in the Style of William Carlos Williams*, Annette Gagliardi, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *To a Newspaper*, Jan Chronister, WI
- 2 *Spring Birth*, Dawn Loeffler, MN
- 3 *Ode to a Cell Phone, That Two-Faced God*, Amy Wray Irish, CO
- 4 *Ode to Ten Toes*, Patricia Barnes, MI

20 Coral Peterson Memorial Award

Judged by Zachary Kluckman

- 1 *Landscape of Defiance*,
Deborah Goschy, MN
- 2 *Recycling Flight*,
Nancy Cook, MN
- 3 *Roadtrip to Remember: Thiva, Greece*,
Beth Spencer, MN

16 Steinography Award

Judged by Paul Ford

- 1 *Flowering thorns*,
- 2 *A Sparkling Pathway*,
- 3 *Counting Summer Deliberations*,

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *Ekphrastic Universe*,
- 2 *Hand of Ice*, Peter Stein, MN
- 3 *Liquidity at Gooseberry Falls*,

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Nap*, Donna Isaac, MN
- 2 *Modest Morning*,
Pamela Larson, MN
- 3 *The Crossroads*, Amy Wray Irish, CO
- 4 *Sun Pool*, Annette Gagliardi, MN

17 SE MN Poets Award

Judged by JW Coppock

- 1 *River Swimmer*, Nicole Borg, MN
- 2 *Circling on I-94*,
- 3 *The Walk*, Patricia Barnes, MI

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *Hawk Drops*, Linda White, MN
- 2 *Of an Afternoon*,
- 3 *On the Lam*, Lorraine Jeffery, UT

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Accidental Garden*,
- 2 *Casting For...* Mardi Knudson, MN
- 3 *Threshold*, Jessica Morgan, MN
- 4 *A Hitchhiker's Guide to Fly Fishing*,

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *This Poem Ends at the Ocean*,
Christine Mounts, MN
- 2 *Angel Left Behind*,
Nancy Simmonds, IN
- 3 *Backwards Everything*,

18 Lost in Translation Award

Judged by John Foster

- 1 *Teaching English to a Non-English Speaker*, Lorraine Jeffery, UT
- 2 *Finding your way*, Janice Fuller, WI
- 3 *Shopping for Vegetables*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *Boundary*, Jerri Hardesty, AL
- 2 *Oink*, Patricia Barnes, MI
- 3 *Traveling*, Micki Blenkush, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Our Trip*, Donna Isaac, MN
- 2 *Il est doux, a travers les brumes, de voir naitre*, Pamela Sinicrope, MN
- 3 *Sup cua hoang de, King Crab Soup*,
- 4 *In Two Languages*,

19 Heartland Poets Award

Judged by Julie Cummings

- 1 *Bird Lament*, Henry Panowitsch, MN
- 2 *After the Poetry Reading*,
Nicole Borg, MN
- 3 *Aftermath*, Dawn Loeffler, MN

Honorable Mentions

- 1 *While Waiting on Hold*,
Micki Blenkush, MN
- 2 *Special Delivery*, Mardi Knudson, MN
- 3 *Caught by Wonder*, Donna Issac, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Nothing Unusual Today*, Gail Denham, OR
- 2 *Divining Defining Moments*,
Walter Ralston, MN
- 3 *Porchsittin' Ponderin' a Queeriosity*,
Amanda Bailey, MN
- 4 *Slam*, Judith Feestra, MN

Awards of Merit

- 1 *Winter Traveler*, Kathleen J Pettit, MN
- 2 *Singing of Santa Monica*, Robert Dante
- 3 *Ignored in City Lights Bookstore 1983*,
- 4 *The Everlasting Perambulation of May*,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Canada