



League of Minnesota Poets

38th Annual Contest 2022

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Member of NFSPS

The League—Established 1934

Submission Rules

Must be original work of the contestant.

A poem entered must be unpublished unless noted.

A poem can be submitted in only one category.

Sponsors may enter their own category.

One column only per page, no copyright marks.

Poems should not contain art work of any kind.

Please title each page if poem is two pages.

PLEASE DO NOT staple poems that are more than one page.

Line limit does NOT include line breaks.

Category 2 and 10 are for LEAGUE Members only.

Previously published poems, but not prize-winning poems, will be accepted for category 2.

FORMAT

Separate and submit: 1 named & 1 unnamed page.

All poems must be titled.

Poems must be typed on one side of 8 ½ x 11 paper.

Make two copies. **PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE!**

UN-NAMED copy:

In upper LEFT corner Indicate the category # & award name

NO IDENTIFYING MARKS ON UNNAMED COPIES

NAMED copy:

In upper LEFT corner Indicate the category # & award name

upper RIGHT corner:

Name, address, and email address

League membership status.

Send entries and fee in one mailing to contest chair:

Contest Chair

PO Box 17344

Minneapolis, MN 55417

Questions? E-mail:

leagueofmnpoets@gmail.com

No entries accepted before **May 1st, 2022**

NEW: Email Submissions to: follow format guidelines

mnpoetscontest@gmail.com

Make payment at mnpoets.com website or
send a check to address above.

Make check payable to: League of MN Poets

Deadline: **July 31, 2022** (postmark)

Fees: League Members

Category #1 Grand Prize fee:

Limit 8 poems, \$1 per poem

Categories #2-#23, 1 poem per category
\$1 per poem.

Fees: Non-Members

Category #1 Grand Prize fee:

Limit 8 poems, \$2 per poem

Categories #2-#23, 1 poem per category
\$2 per poem.

Poems will not be returned

**1. JOHN CALVIN REZMERSKI MEMORIAL
GRAND PRIZE AWARD**

Prizes: \$ 150 \$125 \$75

Subject Any

Form: Any Line Limit: 50

Limit 8 poems

Entry Fee:

This Category Only -

League Members: \$1 per poem.

Non: \$2 per poem.

Sponsor: The League

2. AGATES AWARD

League members only

Prizes: \$ 125 \$ 75 \$50

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Line Limit: 32

All poems entered in this category
will be submitted to *Agates* for
possible publication.

Sponsor: League of MN Poets

3. MIKE FINLEY HUMOR AWARD

Prizes: \$ 100 \$75 \$25

Subject: In the interest of humor

Form: Free verse or Prose

Line Limit 45

Sponsor: Poets & Pints and
Cracked Walnut

4. TRANS AND NONBINARY VOICES

Prizes: \$ 100 \$ 70 \$30

Subject: Minnesota nature
any form / limit 50 lines

Sponsor: Duluth Poetry Chapter and
Cracked Walnut

For people who identify as trans &
nonbinary –supporting voices that don't
usually get a platform.

5. KEITH GANN LGBTQ AWARD

Prizes: \$100 \$70 \$30

Subject: Queer joy & love

Form: Any limit 50 lines

Sponsor: Michael Kiesow Moore
In honor of AIDS activist Keith Gann

For people who identify as LGBTQ–
supporting voices that don't usually get a
platform.

6. WOODTICK POETS AWARD

Prizes: \$ 80 \$ 50 \$30

Subject: Reuniting/Reunion

Form: Any Line Limit: 50

Sponsor: Woodtick Writers Retreat

7. STEVENS FAMILY AWARD

Prizes: \$ 75 \$ 50 \$25

Subject: Relationships

Form: Any Line Limit: 50

Sponsor: The Stevens Family

8. APPAREL AWARD

Prizes: \$ 75 \$ 50 \$25

Subject: Apparel

Form: Lyric Line Limit 50

Sponsor: Steven & Mary Vogel

9. ROCKPAPERPOEM AWARD

Prizes: \$ 75 \$ 50 \$25

Subject: A poem about rocks, paper,
and/or scissors

Form: Free Verse Line Limit 40

Sponsor: RockPaperPoem online
poetry journal

10. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY POETS & WRITERS

Prizes: \$ 60 \$ 40 \$25

Subject: Nature

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: MVP&W

League Members only may submit.
Poems will be submitted to the Richfield
Nature Area Poetry Walk Contest

11. BLIZZARD WRITERS AWARD

Prizes: \$ 60 \$ 40 \$25

Subject: Myths and Fairy Tales

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Blizzard Retreat

12. FLORENCE HYNES WILLETTE MEMORIAL

Prizes: \$ 60 \$ 40 \$25

Subject: Humor

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Mary Willette Hughes

14. THE YARN SPINNER AWARD

Prizes: \$ 50 \$ 35 \$20

Subject: Tall Tales & Shaggy Dog Stories

Form: Any Line Limit: 50

Sponsor: American School of
Storytelling

15. SOUTHERN MN POETS SOCIETY AWARD

Prizes: \$ 60 \$ 35 \$15

Subject: Any

Form: Narrative Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Southern MN Poets

16. SOUTHEASTERN MN POETS AWARD

Prizes: \$ 50 \$ 30 \$20

Subject: Off the Highway

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Southeastern MN Poets

17. JOHN & HELEN PAPPAS MEMORIAL

Prizes: \$ 50 \$ 30 \$20

Subject: Persona Poem: "Voice of a
Relative" Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Charmaine Pappas Donovan

18. BRING BACK THE PRAIRIES AWARD

Prizes: \$ 50 \$ 30 \$20

Subject: Prairies

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Henry Panowitsch

19. STEINOGRAPHY AWARD

Prizes: \$ 50 \$20 \$10

Subject: Ekphrastic-artwork at
steinography.com

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Steinography

20. LOST IN TRANSLATION AWARD

Prizes: \$30 \$ 20 \$10

Subject: Foreign Language

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler
"In Honor of Hellmut Schmidt-Baeumler"

21. GRAND VIEW POETS AWARD

Prizes: \$30 \$ 20 \$10

Subject: Water

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Grand View Poets

22. HEARTLAND POETS AWARD

Prizes: \$ 25 \$ 15 \$10

Subject: A Place Poem

Form: Any Line Limit: 30

Sponsor: Heartland Poets

23. CORAL PETERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Prizes: \$ 25 \$ 15 \$10

Subject: Supply Chain

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Linda White