LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS- 37th Annual Contest
Results

1. **John Calvin Rezmerski Memorial Grand Prize**: Judged by — Jiwon Choi
   1st place- Kait Quinn - Morning Song
   2nd place- Sandra Kacher - At Ninety
   3rd place- Christina M Flaugher - True North

   **(Honorable Mentions)**
   1st- Susan Stevens Chambers – A Bear Festival, Katmai National Park, Alaska
   2nd- Nathan Vinehout Kane – War is nothing to a tree
   3rd- Renee Gilmore - Statis

2. **Agates Award**: Judged by — JoAn Howerton
   1st place- Walter Ralston – Subject to Interpretation
   2nd place- Susan McMillan – Letting Go
   3rd place- Antony V. Plocido – Divergent

   **(Honorable Mentions)**
   1st- Sharon Chimielarz – The Old Woman in a Time of Aggression
   2nd- Francis James - Heartless
   3rd- Christina M. Flaugher - After Disappointment

   **(Awards of Merit)**
   1st- Linda Parks – The Man That Got Away
   2nd- Pamela Sinicrope – The Giant Canada Goose
   3rd- Kelly Travis– Dreams and Feathers
   4th- D.E. Green -Ghazai: Old Chicken

3. **Mike Finley Humor Award** Judged by — John Foster
   1st place- Steven R. Vogel – Simple Gardening
   2nd place- Maureen Baldwin – Goat Milk
   3rd place - Peter Stein – Poets are Thieves
(Honorable Mentions)  (Contest #3)
1st- Roger Brezina – Airborne Eyes of Self-Abuse
2nd- Lorraine Jeffery – Always Professional
3rd- Jody Peters – Making time

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Kathleen Wedl – The Anti-Muse
2nd- Ed Brekke Kramer – “Waiter, Waiter, There is a pair of glasses in my soup!”
3rd- Deb Goschy – The Daily Dance Before Dinner
4th- Donna Issac – Out to Eat, 2050

4. Trans and NonBinary Award  Judged by Julie Cummings
1st place Sarah Gipson – Praise for Beavers
2nd place Ruth Schmidt Baeumler – Lake Superior Walk
3rd place Kat Neimi – Find Me in the Wood

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Melissa Tedrowe - Passage
2nd- Genna Gazelka – On a Slow Jog
3rd- Brian K. Hausfeld – Peace Tree

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Henry Knieszel - it’s all too much, I am ready to become a Canada goose
2nd- Jess Morgan – Safe Inside a Vacuum
3rd- JT Pinther- Noxious
4th- Diane Pecoraro – wearing the shoes of my niece, who is now my nephew

5. Keith Gann LGBTQ Award  Judged by Steven Concert
1st place Matthew Feeney – Inside Out
2nd place Heather Knapp – Twirling Tinsel
3rd place Michael Kiesow Moore – Say Gay

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Douglas Meeker- Kissing Sounds
2nd- Brian K. Hausfeld – Broken Toy
3rd- Genna Gazelka – Bathsheba
(Awards of Merit)  (Contest #5)
1st- Jess Morgan – Cold Lake Hot Poets
2nd- Stella Mehlhoff – US: As Observed by our PRIDE AirBNB Host
3rd- Jules Raymond - Kafkaesque
4th- D.E. Green - Desiring

6. Woodtick Poets Award  Judged by — Allison McNamara
1st place  River Urke – Matching Eyes
2nd place- Kathryn Knudson – Making Believe
3rd place  Murray McCartan – The Purpose of Blizzards

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Ed Brekke- Kramer – No Apologies
2nd- TD Hulst – A Field Beyond
3rd- Sara Gipson – When the Daffodils Return

(Awards of Merit)
1st -  Rose Menyon Helflin - The Reunion
2nd- Lorraine Jeffery – In Time
3rd- Martha Bordwell – Fifty-Fifth High School Reunion
4th- Maureen Baldwin – Little Boys

7. Stevens Family Award  Judged by Gerard Robledo
1st place  Matthew Feeney - Barred Relationships
2nd place  Jan Chronister – Wholefoods Checkout on Mother’s Day
3rd place  Susan McMillan – Umbrella

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Beth Staas – Booking Learning
2nd- Gary Boelhower- Almost Friendship
3rd- Deborah Goschy – Up In the Air

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Michael Kiesow Moore – On Learning of David Rutledge’s Death
2nd- Gay Russel Dempsey – Nails #1 and #2
3rd- Patricia Barnes – Breakfast: Seventh Anniversary
4th- Peter Stein – Two Hearts are Better than One
8. **Apparel Award** Judged by — Gene Twaronite

1st place  Sandra Kacher – A Life in Footwear
2nd place  Jane Hufford Downes – Sous Vetements
3rd place  Vicky A. King – Tap Shoes

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Alan Perry – f-stop
2nd- Lorraine Jeffrey – Wearing the Burka
3rd- LaVerne Spencer McCarthy - When the Buttons Fall

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Christine Madline Ellsworth – What to Wear While Saving France
2nd- Ellen Lager – Ode to the Headband
3rd- Frances James – Ode to My Overalls
4th- Susan McMillan – Last Rites for a Flannel Shirt

9. **RockPaper Poem Award** : Judged by  **Christine Irving**

1st place- Irene Alderson - Rage
2nd place- Nancy Cook – Tabac, November 1994
3rd place- Nathan Vinehout Kane – when you sit

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Douglas Meeker – On a Rock
2nd- Trina Lee - Searching

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Christina M Flaugher – Linked Wordsmiths
2nd- Catherine Moran – how we arm ourselves
3rd- Pamela Sinicrope - Scissors
4th- Deborah Goschy – Girl with a Red Crayon
10. Mississippi Valley Poets and Writers Award: Judged by— Phillip D Sterling

1st place - Patrick Cabello Hansel – The Blessed Breeze After a week of 90+ Degrees
2nd place - Sara Gipson – Nature’s Music and Dance
3rd place - Sandra Kacher – Respite at Nine Mile Creek

(Honorable Mentions)
1st - Mary Jo Robinson - Jamison – All the earth is alive with reaching
2nd - Ellen Lager – In Gratitude for Belonging
3rd - Mary Rudeck Stanko – The Animal Allies of Newbought County

(Awards of Merit)
1st - Nicole Borg – Summer 2021 Edition
2nd - William J. Anderson – Weed Free Garden

11. Blizzard Writers Award: Judged by— Karen Bailey

1st place - Annette Gagliardi - Forest Dweller
2nd place - Nicole Borg – Lessons from Gretel and Hansel
3rd place - Christina M. Flaugher – Sasquatch Laments the Advance of Technology

(Honorable Mentions)
1st - Irene Alderson – Anantasana on the Sidewalk
2nd - Jane Hufford Downes – Chicken in the Kitchen
3rd - Maureen Baldwin – Exhurberant Expectations

(Awards of Merit)
1st - Ruth Berman – Little Houses
2nd - Jan Chronister – Shared Air
3rd - Patricia Barnes – Once Upon a Time
4th - Alan Perry – Pegasus

12. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial Award: Judged by— Karen Scott

1st place - Linda LaRoca – In-Law’s Claws
2nd place - Shari Crane Fox – If your ex were a house and you were a listing agent
3rd place - Ed Brekke Kramer – Fifth Limerick

(Honorable Mentions)
1st - Jane Hufford Downes – A Sonnet for Shakespeare’s Kitchen
2nd - Maureen Baldwin - Melodious
3rd - William J. Anderson – Toilet Paper
**Awards of Merit**  Contest 12

1st- Micah Ruelle - Yearly
2nd- Matthew Feeney – I wonder...
3rd- Jerri Hardesty – Eli Jones
4th- Beth Staas – Eating

**14. The Yarnspinner Award**: Judged by— Frank J. Chambers

1st place- JT Pinther – A Group of Bananas is Called a Hand
2nd place- Shari Crane Fox – The Resident and the X-ray Machine
3rd place- Becky Alexander – Gargoyle Daze

**(Honorable Mentions)**

1st- William J Anderson – Revenge of the Dogs
2nd- Dr. Emory D. Jones – Deep Freeze
3rd- Patricia Barnes – My Dog Can Dance

**(Awards of Merit)**

1st- Braxton Haake – The Dance Macabre
2nd- Michael Kiesow Moore – April in Minnesota
3rd- Samuel Schultz – Something in my ear
4th- David Englund – Ghost of the Long Dead Moose

**15. Southern MN Poets Society Award**: Judged by— Zachary Kluckman

1st place- Victor Klimoski– Lonely Hearts Club
2nd place- Micah Ruelle – Salome`
3rd place- Laura Rockhold – Paradise Parade

**(Honorable Mentions)**

1st- Terry Jude Miller – when this great circle rolls on
2nd- Beradine Lortis – All the Lives Ever Lived
3rd- Donna Isaac – ghost

**(Awards of Merit)**

1st- Irene Alderson - Rhubarb
2nd- Janice L. Freytag – The Taper
3rd- Kelly Travis – My Mother Dies Five Months After My Father
4th- Susan Stevens Chambers – Upfront About Elephants in the Room
16. Southeastern MN Poets Award: Judged by—Suzanne Oliver

1st place- Maureen Baldwin - Oblivious
2nd place- Mary Lux – Death of a Farm, An Elegy
3rd place- Ariel Boswell – The Monument to Enterprise

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Lorraine Jeffrey – La Vida Puede Estar Sola
2nd- Jeanne Lutz – Prayer Written on a Gravel Road
3rd- Jerri Hardesty - Falling Rock

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Terry Jude Miller – watching William
2nd- David Englunc – Up the Lake
3rd- Lori Fisk – Nowhere
4th- Shari Crane Fox – Sweet daisies and gasoline

17. John and Helen Pappas Memorial Award : Judged by—Paul Ford

1st place- Debra Goschy – Mamma, A Norse Goddess and Scarlet Fever, 1916
2nd place- Patrick Cabello Hansel – Oma Anna Speaks
3rd place- Steven R. Vogel – Lord Peter Whimsey, A Bichon Frise`

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Paul Buchheit – Crab Daddy’s Advice
2nd- Patricia Barnes – I Told You So
3rd- Donna Isaac – Out of Service

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Jane Hufford Downes – Aunt Laura, the Linotypist
2nd- Susan Stevens Chambers – Proximity Matters
3rd- Ruch Schmidt-Baeumler – Copper Pennies
4th- Bernadine Lortis- Recycling is for the Birds

18. Bring Back the Prairies Award: Judged by—Dave Midkiff

1st place- Laura Rockhold The Taking Hands
2nd place- Christina M. Flaugher – Prairie Invocation
3rd place- Patricia Barnes – Prairie Tornado
(Honorable Mentions) Contest 18
1st- Alan Perry – Sky Blues
2nd- Barry McDonald That Tree
3rd- Peter Stein – Field of Vision

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Dr. Emory D. Jones – Sea of Grass
2nd- Rose Menyon Heflin – Post-Rain: A Tanka Sequence
3rd- Susan Coultrap-McQuin – The Price to Pay
4th- William J Anderson – A Glimpse of the Past

19. Steinography Award: Judged by — Christine Valentine
1st place- Rose Menyon Heflin – Bared: A Sijo Sequence
2nd place- Jan Chronister - Bindweed
3rd place- D.E. Green – Spring Buzz

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Terry Jude Miller – praise the new day
2nd- Donna Isaac – Good Morning
3rd- Amy Irish – Listen

(Awards of Merit)
1st - Annette Gagliardi - Fibonacci Seeds
2nd- Judith Feenstra – Like Ice
3rd- Dennis Herschbach – The Falls at Gooseberry Park
4th- Susan Stevens Chambers – Under the Mendota Bridge

20. Lost in Translation Award: Judged by Amy Irish
1st place- Douglas Meeker - Canturrear
2nd place- Jennifer Hernandez – Frieda’s Eyebrows
3rd place- Michael Kiesow Moore – The Great River

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Alan Perry – A Moment of Silence
2nd- Jerri Hardesty - Boundary
3rd- Meredith R. Cook – A Higher Calling
(Awards of Merit) Contest 20
1st- Nicole Borg - Aniversario
2nd- Irene Alderson – On The Highway
3rd- Dr. Emory D. Jones – Playful Spring: A Kyrielle
4th- Sara Gipson – Subway Languages

21. Grandview Poets Award: Judged by John Coppock
1st place- Deborah Goschy – Thoughts Inspired by a Sign Reading
2nd place- Mary Davini – Our Lady of the Lake
3rd place- Susan Stevens Chambers – Be Like Water

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Lorraine Jeffery – Receiving Rains
2nd- Steven R. Vogel - The Hogsback
3rd- Kathleen Pettit- Birth

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Irene Alderson - Thirsty
2nd- Robert Hale – Braided Water
3rd- LaVerne Spencer McCarthy – A Ocean Calls
4th- William J Anderson – H2O Oh

22. Heartland Poets Award: Judged by Chiwan Choi
1st place- Jody Peters - Dublin
2nd place- Peter Stein – the woods are still there, but not like I knew them
3rd place- Mary Rudbeck Stanko - Backyard

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Beth Spencer – Three Landscapes: Self Portraits of My Friend and Me
2nd- Rose Menyon Heflin – With Her
3rd- Deborah Goschy The House Outside Time

(Awards of Merit)
1st- Samuel Schultz – Small Town on the Plains
2nd- David Engelund – Gowan Store
3rd- John Hamel – Queens Boulevard
4th- Patrick Cabello Hansel – 190th and Jerome, The Bronx, 1984
23. Coral Peterson Memorial Award: Judged by Chuck Salmons

1st place - Terry Jude Miller – Just in Time
2nd place - Alan Perry - BOGO
3rd place - Nicole Borg – Waitressing at _________________, Roswell, NM

(Honorable Mentions)
1st- Michael Kiesow Moore - Bottles
2nd- Peter Stein – Give a Man a Fish
3rd- Nancy Cook – Hidden Commodities

(Awards of Merit)
1st - Christina M. Flaugher – Bruin Invocation
2nd - Susan Stevens Chambers – Chain of Fools
3rd- Kelly Travis – Po Eun Ro Street
4th- Jan Chronister – Oppressive Heat