

**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 Flaughter- 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 - Stasis

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st Jean Prokott – Altar Girl
- 2nd- Bill Herring, Dayderam, Tenth Grade English Lit
- 3rd- Peter Stein – Train Wreck
- 4th- Jean Prokott – A Prayer

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. Flaughter - 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 Knieszal - 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
- 3rd- William J Anderson – Rock, Paper, Scissors

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- Christina M Flaughter – 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. Flaughner – 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. Flaughter –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 Englund – 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. Flaughter – Bruin Invocation

2nd- Susan Stevens Chambers – Chain of Fools

3rd- Kelly Travis – Po Eun Ro Street

4th- Jan Chronister – Oppressive Heat